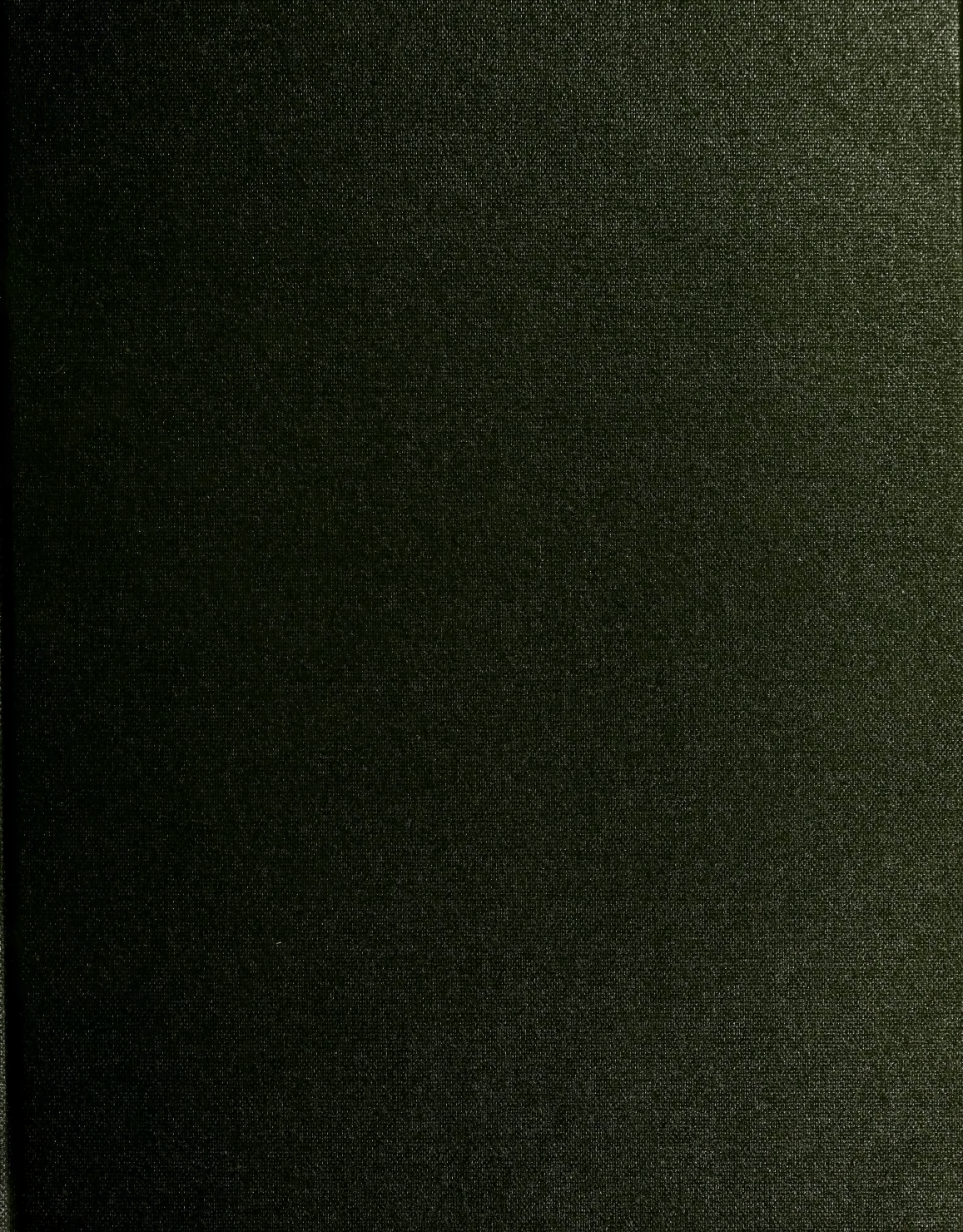






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**CIVIL WAR DIARY OF CORNELIUS C. PLATTER,
ADJUTANT, 81ST OHIO INFANTRY, 1864-1865**

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C. C. Platter
Adjutant
845 Ohio Inf 4000
Savannah Ga
Jan'y 20th 1865.

Rome Ga Nov 10th 1864th

During the last two weeks we have
been expecting marching orders. More
than a week since the said orders
to prepare for a long arduous &
successful campaign. Many dif-
ferent opinions have been expressed
as to our probable destination.
Some think we will make di-
rect for Charleston S.C. others that
we will visit Mobile - but the
most general belief is, that Sa-
vannah will be the objective
point - Nothing definite however
is known concerning the coming
movement - Received orders this
evening to move at six o'clock to-
morrow morning - All tents and
other government property which
we can not take with us, to be
left standing undisturbed - The 2nd
of Ills is to be left behind to de-
stroy everything and bring up the
rear. The Winain wagon train

Went out this evening on the long
-the road, accompanied by the 5th
Brigade - they will go about six
miles. Quarters and buildings in
town were burning ~~in~~ all afternoon
- Large fire in town tonight, all is
the work of cowardly soldiers. Had
Drum Parade this evening. Made one
mistake - Read an order consolidated
- Aug 13th D. C. & I during the coming
Campaign. No mail this morning today
- We packed up this evening and
will be ready.

Friday Nov 11th 1864.

Up this morning at an early hour
and commenced loading up the things
- After Breakfast I discovered that
my pocket ^{book} containing \$175. was
either lost or stolen. I looked in
every nook & corner for it - but could
not find it. Left at six o'clock
8th bringing up the rear of the Brig
ade. We left all our tents standing

and many things which we could
not bring away with us. They were all
destroyed by fire by the 52nd Ill. which
brought up the rear of the Division
The Railroad depots burning and
everything of value to the enemy in
Rome was destroyed. All the way
from Rome to Kingston the road
was lined with "contrabands" of all
ages sizes and sexes - It was indeed
a novel sight to see these people
fleeing from slavery. Every one was
loaded - some with bundles of clothes
and bedding larger than themselves
- We passed through a cemetery which
showed plainly the savagery of war.
We reached Kingston at 3 P. M.
The town was full of soldiers wait-
ing to see a Rebel Captain being
who had murdered several soldiers
of the 33rd O. I. - They were formed in
the woods being up by the heels with
their throats cut. We marched
past Genl Sherman's Head Quarters

at "Shoulder arms" with band playing
 and Color flying. Presented a fine
 appearance. Went into Camp about
 4 miles South of Kingston
 on the R.R. - A beautiful day, fine
 weather for marching. Made out
 a report of "effective strength". Wrote
 a short letter to Father and sent
 it north by Mr. Althust (Butler)
 - Orders to march at 3.45 tomorrow
 morning.

Saturday Nov 12th 1864

Up at 2 A.M. had breakfast at 3 A.M.
 were under way at the appointed time.
 our Brigade having the advance. Reached
 Cassville by daylight. The place
 was burned by our troops last summer
 and presented nothing but a
 mass of ruins. Only two houses are
 standing and they are churches.
 Reached Cantonville at 10 A.M. where
 we halted several hours. Everything
 at Cantonville has been destroyed.
 today quite a number of wagons were

burned and enough medical supplies
 to last a Division 3 months. Some of
 the brave heroes who fell at Allatoma
 were buried here. Col. Redfield, Capt.
 Ayres &c. We passed through the
 famous "Allatoma pass" this afternoon.
 - If Sherman had attempted to reach
 Atlanta through this "pass" he certainly
 would have been defeated. Reached
 Allatoma at 3 P.M. Passed over the
 battle ground of Oct. 4th 1863 which still
 presents many evident signs of a hard
 fought battle. Everything along the
 road gave us evident proof that Sherman
 intends to evacuate the R.R. from Atlanta
 north to Roanoke or Dalton. Several long
 trains heavily loaded went north
 today and were seen. We crossed
 the Etowah River at noon. Went into
 Camp at 4 P.M. 2 miles South of Allatoma.
 We had a sumptuous supper
 of "Coffee & Hard tack". Roads are in
 splendid condition and trains keep
 well closed up. We passed through

a Country which shows the effects of war. No houses. No fences and the road side strewn with dead mules & broken wagons. A Cold & windy day. Retired early.

Sunday Nov 13th 1864.

Up at 4 A.M. and breakfasted at 5. Received a mail this morning just before starting - Suppose it will be our last mail for some time. Received one letter from home - from "Sib". We moved at 8 A.M. Our Brigade having the war. We passed over historic ground today Ackworth, Big Shanty & Kennesaw Mt. - they looked very familiar. The two former were entirely destroyed by fire which was done by the Yankee band.

The 14th A.C. were destroying the R.R. at Ackworth. at Big Shanty we found the R.R. completely destroyed - this burnt and soiled but. We are now certain that we are entirely cut off from communication with the North and are an isolated command.

We marched today in two ranks on each side of the train. Went into Camp at the foot of Kennesaw Mt. on the south side. About 1 mile from Marietta. Genl Kippatricks Cavalry was reviewed by Genl Sherman at Marietta today and it is said they presented a fine appearance. Did not go up on Kennesaw Mt. Those who did, say they can see burning buildings in every direction - and see Atlanta burning. Marietta is all a "haze". We had a fine days march. - the Country was entirely cut up with fortifications of every description - Saw the graves of many a brave hero who fell in the defence of his Country. Retired early.

Monday Nov 14th 1864.

Left Camp at 8 o'clock - took the Atlanta road and marched in it, untill we were within two miles of the "Chattahoochee" when we took the road to "Turners Ferry" and marched for

a 4 mile along side a complete "Chim
of 7 forts and works built by the enemy
for the defence of Atlanta - It would
b have been impossible to have taken
them by assault; and we can plainly
see the reason of our flank movement
c via of Roswell, last July - At the
d time were fortifications guarded by
e a Brigade of the 2^d Div 15th A.C. The
f enemy had strong forts & works here
g defended by heavy guns. We went into
h camp on the south bank of the River
i. We are 8 miles from Atlanta.

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Tuesday May 15th 1864

f We at 3 a.m. started at 4. on the
a Atlanta road. Our Brigade escorted
- the Div supply train into Atlanta.
b On the way in we passed over
c some familiar ground - where we
d laid 16 days last August under
e fire all the time. Saw the effects
f of our shot upon the timber in front
g of our line. We certainly must have

made it very warm for the enemy.
This works in our front were very
strong and we can now understand
why we did not assault their works.
We found a great many buildings
burning in Atlanta. R.R. Depot torn
down and the R.R. destroyed. Made
a detail to load our supply train
- A large quantity of Flour, bread
and meat were issued to the Div.
- At the R.R. depot saw 13,647 pounds
which were rendered entirely worthless
- About 5 P.M. the R.R. depot which
contained a large quantity of shells
was fired. And at times the shells
- were terrific but fortunately
no one was hurt. A large quantity
of clothing which we did not have
transportation for was distributed
to the troops and when we left
toward any man was loaded with
Clothing, Rations, &c. We left Atlanta
at 4 P.M. on the East Point road
and by the time we were too tired

a from town it was dark and we
of beheld a grand sight - the burning
one of the "Gate City". All the principal
b buildings were on fire and the
c sight was indeed grand. We went
d into camp 2 miles north of the point
e having much the appearance of rain
f this evening. This has indeed been
g at a strange day - In the morning we
h passed over the ground where many
i of our "brothers in arms" spilt their
j a life blood and during the day seen
k the destruction of Atlanta, such a
l day as this one seldom sees and
m it will not soon be forgotten
n but this wanton destruction of
o property would soon demoralize
p any army. I think Sherman
q intends to devastate the whole country
r as he goes. This day may be con-
s sidered the beginning of the cam-
t - paign - To-day we jostled our coffee
u and the different divisions head-
v ed northward. While in Atlanta

received an old mail. Recd our
letter from Siggie. Recd \$50. today
from R. W. Suttell

Wednesday Nov 16th 1864
Ordered to march at 4 1/2 o'clock but
did not get "under way" until an
hour later - Before we started
detailed Lt. Post & Co. D. as guards
to ordnance train. Lt. Col. Leake
and squad relieved by Gen. Coles.
Recd the resignations of Capt. Ormiston
Lt. Johnson and Dr. Whittaker but
as communication is destroyed
am unable to send them to
Nashville where they are. Our
Brigade had the rear of the Division
and we found it very hard march-
ing as we had to march in two
columns on each side the wagon
train and the road was very narrow.
The country through which we passed
was very poor - nothing but rocks and
with thick underbrush. We passed
through rough & bady - We left behind

a 3 mile to our right and went into
of Camp 8 mile South east of Smokers
at 8 o'clock - This has been the hard
last days march we have had, Dis-
tance marched 22 mile To day
we heard the first commanding
of the Campaign - I suppose it
was our Cavalry skirmishing with
the enemy.

Thursday Nov 17th 1864
We recd orders to move before daylight
for we had the advance of the Division
We took the McDouglh road and
passed through a country never pre-
sented by the foot of Quantico, the
country is more open today than
it was yesterday and the marching
much easier than Kent's. We
passed through the County
seat of Henry Co which is a village
of not much importance. Near
McDouglh we passed 14 2nd & 3rd
Division of our Corps. Being in the
advance we obtained plenty of

fringe of every description - such as
Poke, turnip, potatoes, corn, etc
- We went into Camp 3 mile from
Jackson the County seat of Butte Co.
in an oak grove. Distance march-
ed 17 mile - It is still a mystery
where we are going. I think we will
cross the OC Mulgee River tomorrow
and then we will either go down
the east bank of the River to Macon
or go direct to Milledgeville - We can
reach either place in 3 days
- Along our route today we saw
practically the citizens very much
they were not expecting us as
soon. Had some splendid per-
formances today - the best I ever
saw - a fine day for marching.

Friday Nov 18th 1864
Up at an early hour and anxiously
awaited orders to move - but they
were not said until 5 o'clock P.M.
- In the mean time the "laid down"

a reading eating & sleeping. We lived
in the fat of the land to-day. The Regt.
had more fresh Pork, Beef, Potatoes, &c.
than they could possibly use. Made
a regular detail, force for the
Regiment - We marched 5 P.M.

and it was after dark when we
passed through Jackson, which
is an insignificant town. The C.H.

was on fire when we passed through.
The Brigade was very noisy this
evening & Gen. Corse rode past
and gave them his opinion of
noisy & fat bristling soldiers.

We had a nice road to travel
and we went about 6 miles and
camped at 10 P.M. half way be-
tween Jackson & the Ochmulgee
River which we expect to cross
tomorrow.

Saturday Nov 19th 64

Orders to March at 5 AM but it
was seven o'clock before we were un-
der way. Has been a damp rainy

day - We marched 4 miles to the Och-
mulgee River, at a point called the
"7 Islands" - got there about 10 o'clock
and have been waiting for the 1st & 3rd
divs of our Corps to cross. - All the
troops and wagons are over this coming
except the 2^d & 3^d Regiments of our Div.
Visited the "Ochmulgee mills" and
factory this afternoon - both are very
large and fine, especially the mill
which is the finest I ever saw.
Near the mill is a building con-
taining 560 bales of Cotton, supposed
the factory mill & Cotton will be
destroyed by our troops. There is
quite a village here, mostly women
who were employed in the factory.
The Ochmulgee is nearly as large
as the Chattahoochee, is very rocky
and shallow. We have two pontoons
to cross on. All surplus horses
and mules are being taken to mount
the P.L.s; no more nor no fighting
today - Plenty to eat and burning

evening the Campaign finely - We
expect to cross the river tomorrow
morning and then HO! for Macon.
Or Willidgenillo - Distance 4 miles

Sunday Nov 20th, 64

Crossed the Demulgee this morning
and advanced on the Monticello road
passing through a Country abounding
in Hogs, Cattle, Chickens &c. On account
of the recent rains the roads were
very heavy. When we were about 4
miles from the river we heard
brush firing in our rear - we sup-
posed to be the skirmishing, but it
proved to be the killing of worthless
horses & mules at the "Cranning" the
Citizens living near supposed a fight
was on hand, and they were badly
frightened - The factory & cotton house
destroyed - In our route we found
many "Contrabands" but very few
Citizens - We reached 16 miles
and went into camp at 3 P.M. in
a beautiful pine grove. About half

mile west of Monticello the County
seat of Jasper Co. This has been a
damp disagreeable day for marching
- Lost a very valuable mule to-day
We are still in the dark as to our
destination - Rains in evening. Retired
early.

Monday Nov 21st, 64

Up at 4 o'clock and found it raining
very hard. It rained nearly all last
night - Had orders to move at 4 P.M.
but did not move until 6 A.M.
Brigade Hd. Qrs were "behind time"
this morning and had to start without
breakfast - Passed through Monticello
a very pretty village. Saw some beau-
tiful gardens - full of some fine flowers
in full bloom - "Red white & blue" - it
was indeed strange to see such colors
in "Dixie Land" - Porton train in our
front which delayed us very much
- roads very heavy - rained most of the
day - This has been about the most
disagreeable day we have seen lately.

Passed through Hillsboro, which was
an insignificant town, but it is in
richer now - went in Camp half a mile
south of Hillsboro in an open field
- no wood nor rails near and a cold,
firming wind blowing - we had no
hacks and made ourselves comfort-
able for the night. We came 11 miles

Our Div. seems to be marching
on a road by itself. Have not seen
anything of the other Corps or Division
since we left the Quartermaster. We are
still uncertain whether we will go to
Macon or Milledgeville

Tuesday Nov 23rd 64

Ordered to march at 7 A.M. but it
was so before we left Camp. Our Brigade
had the bear of the Division - a very
cold day, very cold day morning and continues
cold and windy throughout the day.
We enjoyed a snow storm in Central
Georgia this morning. Roads still
very heavy. Pontoon train delayed us
very much. Had to halt an hour

three or four different times to allow
them to get out of our way. & as it
was very cold, the fences along the
road had to suffer. We passed the
place where Genl. Sherman was cap-
tured last summer. It was the
intention to reach Clinton today, but
the "Pontoon" got stuck & froze in the
mud and it was impossible to
go any further. So we had to halt &
go in Camp 3 miles from Clinton.
It was nine o'clock when we went
in camp - very dark, ground frozen
and very rough. No rails to build fire
with and all half frozen, teams
scattered and in no shape and
every one in a bad humor. Wheeler's
Cavalry is all around us, and if
they knew our fix this evening we
might see a little fun before morn-
ing. Had a cold time getting
supper, but when it was ready, I
paid my respects to a double ration
of Fresh Pork & sweet Potatoes & re-
-distance marched 12 miles

Wednesday Nov 23rd 1864

Up early, still very cold, did not get started until 10 am in consequence of the trains being so mixed up. Passed through Clinton County seat of Jones Co. - a muddy, dirty, dilapidated Southern town. - Nearly all the Citizens have left for parts unknown. Here we were met by 50 fresh teams for the Pontons and we got along first rate after that. - they were sent by Genl Osterhous. - Roads are still very heavy though they are better than they were yesterday. - We heard of the Capture of Mullensville which fell into our hands the 20th without a fight. When we left Clinton did not take the Macon road but proceeded towards Gordon. - So I suppose we will not see Macon. - We are 15 miles in rear of everything and the order is for us to hurry up. - but we cannot in account of the ponton train. - the Country is full of Rebel Cavalry. - At Clifton we

found the 1st Regt 2nd Div 15th A.C. in line waiting for the "Johnnie". - The train got stuck in the mud after night and the troops all but a guard, were ordered forward into Camp. Near Wallace, at 10 P.M. Distance marched 11 miles. Soil sandy & forlorn. Country broken

Thursday Nov 24th 1864

"Thanksgiving Day" in Georgia, a most lovely day. Ordered to march at half past five and left at that time. Our Brigade having the advance - after marching several miles we took the "Ponton train", which was just "pulling out" but as they had fresh teams they did not delay us. When about 3 miles from Gordon we were surprised to hear commencing in our rear and for a time we supposed we were attacked. - A halt was ordered but it was only for a few minutes as it was soon ascertained that

enemy were not molesting our Col-
-unions. Did not hear what the
cause of the firing was, but suppose
it was either Kiepatricks Cavalry
or the "Hanging up" of our ammunition
wagon loaded with shell, which
was left yesterday stuck in the mud.
Passed through Gordon at 9 A.M.
and went in Camp 2 miles south
of the town about 10 A.M. occupying
works which our force there about
days ago - distance traveled 10 miles.
Country level and soil very
sandy. roads splendid. Gordon
is the junction of the Middleville
RR and the Macon & Augusta RR.
We found the RR & depot buildings
entirely destroyed - do not know
how much of the RR is destroyed.
Most of our Corps was here. Left
for Summerton this morning
yesterday Walcotts Brigade had a
sharp fight with the enemy near
Griswoldville. our loss was 80 killed

and wounded. and the enemy left
300 dead on the field - their loss was
1100. All the Rebel force seem to be
in Macon awaiting our arrival
but they will be sadly disappointed
for we seem to be taking a direct
route to Savannah. - All are anxious
to hear from the "outer world". We
had our "Thanksgiving dinner" at Summerton
Bill of fare. - Fresh Pork, Sweet Potatoes
Corn Cakes Honey & Coffee - We are
living like kings - We all enjoyed
our rest fully this afternoon. - We
changed our linen and feel clean
once more. - Was in Church twice
one year ago today.

Friday Nov 25th 1864.
Left Camp at half past five and
took the Summerton road. which place
we passed through about 10 A.M. It
is the County seat of Wilkenson
Co. - a small village - all the
principal buildings have been burned.
Went into Cash at London 7 miles

east of Irvinton at Poplar Spring
Church. Nothing of interest hap-
pened to day - distance marched
18 mile - Country broken and soil
sandy - Perceived a maceon paper
today containing Mr Brown's message
which was read by Capt Mansfield
to a small knot of us around
our camp fire at night.

Saturday Nov 26th 1864

Ordered to march at 5^h a.m. and
we were on the road at that time.
And reached the Oconee River about
12 m. at a point called "Morning
Ferry" where the Ucher Creek empties
into the River - Before reaching the
river we had to pass through a fine
swamp 3 or 4 miles wide. When
we reached the River the ferries
were not laid - in consequence of the
"Johnny" being on the opposite side
they were soon dispersed and our
order was the first to cross. We
halted a few minutes after getting on
and then advanced on the river

road with a view of the 17th A.C. about
a mile where we took different
road - Went into Camp 11 miles from
"Morning Ferry" and near a place
called Irvin & Bonds - distance
marched 19 mile - Country this
side the river much better than
what we have seen hitherto. We
are now in Washington Co about 4
miles from the R.R. - Saw plenty of
"palm leaf" ferns growing today. Also
some beautiful "Spanish Moss".
Saw Maj Woodwell this morning
- There is no enemy in our front
except a few Cavalry. Have not heard
anything from the 12th & 28th Corps
- Saw a Rebel paper which
informs us that Lincoln has can-
celled every state except Maryland, Kentucky,
Delaware & New Jersey. - They also
informed that Grant's orders that Hood
has cut Sherman off from the
North and he (Sherman) is now
seeking for an "outlet" and if

10,000 resolute Georgians will
only come to the rescue of Sumner
whose army can be captured
Set in Cornet.

Sunday Nov 27th 1864

Did not recd orders to march this
morning. Spent the forenoon making
Tri-Monthly Reports. Detached Co F
to go out foraging for the Regiment.
Placed St. Murphy in arrest by
order of Col Adams for shooting
off his Pistol on the Picket line.
The 3rd Brigade left at daylight this
morning and went to station #13
on the Macon & Augusta R.R. and
have spent the day in destroying
R.R. Our Brigade recd orders to
march at 2 P.M. 8¹/₂ m. Center
of the Division train. Marched
4 miles to Peachtree Crossroads and
after waiting nearly an hour for the
Staff Officers to determine if that
was the place for us to Camp
we went into Camp - 1¹/₂ m. 3rd

Brigade still at the R.R. and our
Brigade guarding the supply train.
We are still in Washington Co.
Capt Lockwood and his horse
"Jeb" meets with a narrow es-
cape this evening. Country
level. Soil sandy & forage scarce.
Had a good Camp, rails and
water plenty.

Monday Nov 28th 1864

Left Camp at half past five
o'clock, our Brigade having the ad-
vance. Passed through Wrightsville
the County Seat of Johnson Co.
- the most miserable looking
town I ever saw - went into
Camp 14 miles east of Wrightsville
at 1 o'clock. Our Brigade got
on the wrong road to day and this
evening we find ourselves alone
with the Ordnance train six miles
from our other force. The other
two Brigades took the right road
and are in Camp six miles from
Johnsвилle. Genl. Himmell & Staff

got on the right trail and went
into camp at 9 P.M. Men very
tired and hungry. We are in Indian
trail. About 10 miles from the
Osage River. In camp near
the 32° to 15° A.C. Our fire is all
together once more. This has been
the most lonesome day of the Cam-
paign. The Country through which
we passed was very level and
resembles our Western ^{prairie} ~~prairie~~
distance marched 18 miles

Wednesday Nov 30 1864

Left camp at 6 o'clock - a very
foggy morning but the mist soon
cleared away and we had a most
beautiful day. The first 11 miles
of our way lay through the pine
barrens, and during that whole
distance only one log hut greet-
ed our vision and that was inhab-
ited by a "lone lorn cinder" with
six two headed children. Passed

through Emmerville a Country town
which presented rather a pleasing
appearance. Went into camp about
Sunset six miles from Herndon
and 4 from the Osage River on
the South Side. 14° to had the
advance to day and as the Country
was very poor we found forage
very scarce. A dog was shot
today by a teamster and killed
instantly. Distance marched
15 miles.

Thursday Dec 1st 1864

First day of winter and we can
congratulate ourselves that we are in
a more congenial climate than
our friends at home. It is a foggy
again this morning but the sun
soon came out and we had a warm
pleasant day. Marched about 12 miles
through Country more fertile
and thickly settled. We did not
cross the River at Herndon as
expected, where we were within

two mile of the Crossing, we took
the Savannah road and traveled
8 mile down the Ogeechee and
are still on the South bank of
the River in Emanuel Co. About
two mile from the river and
six from Milan. Do not
know when we will cross the River
perhaps not untill we get within
18 mile of Savannah. Are in
Camp near 1st Div. Engaged a
"Coma band" to-day to take care
of my horse. Heard some splendid
news, that Genl Grant has captured
red Mobile. Hood is badly whipped
at Pulaski and then we heard
something that was not so agree-
able "that the enemy, had the
(Sherman army) surrounded
and it was only a question of
time about the whole army being
captured - but we cant see
the surrounding part.

Friday Dec 2nd 1864

The weather continues very favorable
for Campaigning. We certainly should
be very thankful to Divine Providence
for such delightful weather as we
are having. Had it rained much
it would have been impossible for
us to get through these swamps.
It hasnt rained a drop since
we entered these "prime barrens"
which are full of swamps. To-day
when we moved halt we were com-
pelled to hunt a shade. "Old Sol"
was sending down his scorching
rays upon us. Expect we will have
"Sun strokes" by Christmas if the
weather get much warmer.
Wonder what our Southern friends
would say if they knew we were
suffering with the heat: - but we
find the night quite cool.
This is the most "hot frozen"
country I ever saw. Nothing but
prime barrens & swamps - with very
few houses to relieve the monotony.

Left camp at 8 o'clock this morn-
-ing. 1st Div. marched on parallel
road with our Div. We crossed
"Scull's Creek" this afternoon and
went into camp a quarter of a mile
from the creek at 4 P.M. Distance
marched 10 miles. We are now in
a region abounding in Alligators
"Sawpinks" &c. Alligators are said
to be quite numerous in "Scull's
Creek". Pontons are laid across
the Ogeechee about a mile distant
and the 1st Brigade and our Regt
from 12.00 are across tearing
up R.R. We are in Bullock's Co
just opposite Scarbro's. Do not
think our Corps will cross the
River here, but forced down
the South bank of the River.
No enemy in our front and
the work goes bravely on. Had
today many Rebel papers. That
a large Yankee fleet of 70 vessels
was off "Hilton Head" - Suppose

they are to cooperate with us.
We are all enjoying ourselves finely
-as I think every thing looks cheerful
happy and contented around me.
Majr H. Capt. W. and S. Johnson
and Pittman are enjoying a game
of Whist - For "Cot" & "Peggy" are
each deep in the hidden mysteries
of yellow backed Liberator. Do
not think we will move to-
-morrow, as we are ordered to
draw "full battins" of soap, and
think we will have a chance
to wash and clean up.

Retired late.

Saturday Dec 30 1864.
Up early and moved at 6.30 AM
1st Brigade crossed the Ogeechee and oc-
-cupied works made by the 1st Brigade.
We lay in support of the Brigade
who were tearing up the R.R. Remained
there all day and then returned
to the camp occupied last night.
Pontons were taken up this morning
and a number of negroes came

Came in today with Horse & mules.
Saw plenty of "Sierra oak" "Palm leaf"
fern & Spanish moss today
Distance marched 4 miles

Sunday Dec 27 64
Marched at 6:30. Our route was
down the south bank of the Ogeechee
river into camp at Sundown just
opposite Cameron a station on the RR.
Distance marched 15 miles. Nothing
of much happened today. Country
much better than any we have
seen for 10 days - Food for man
and horse plenty.

Sunday Dec 28 1865
Marched at 5 o'clock on a bridge
having the advance. Passed through
a level country. The best we have
seen for some time. Soil sandy
and productive. Saw some splendid
live oaks today. Marched 20 miles
crossing Belcher mill Creek and
when near the River each man
was ordered to sharpen a nail

and we marched down to a large
creek and left the rails for
the pioneers to build roads with.
One of the most beautiful sights
down here was the trees in the
savanna which were all thickly
covered with "Spanish Moss" which
grows in the camp near by. We are just
opposite Guyton. This evening
after going in camp each man
was ordered to supply himself
with 60 rounds of ammunition. It
was thought we would cross the
River to night. but it is now 9
o'clock and no orders to move
yet. but it is very likely we
will go over sometime tonight.
All waiting for Pontons to come
up. Lt. Bruner was given
"Salubrious" today.

Tuesday Dec 29 1865
Did not cross the river last
night. We are still in the camp

which we occupied last night. This
has been the first days rest we
have had since leaving Rome. We
washed, read, slept &c. Had
Company "Inspection" - found arms
in good condition & men well
supplied with ammunition. The
other divs of our Corps proceeded
down the river. Lt Pittman and
45 men were detailed to cross the
river and "tap" the R.R. but on going
to the River found nothing to cross
on so returned to camp. Our River
Corps has been busy all day fixing
roads - No news from the 14th & 20th Corps.
Suppose they have been fighting some-
where toward distant Cumberland.
Yesterday - we are now 35 miles
from Savannah and by this time
next week we hope to be enjoying
the "balmy breeze" of the Sea Coast.
Do not know whether we will
proceed directly to Savannah
- it may be we are only making a

feint and instead of going to S.
will cross the Savannah River
and tread the sacred soil of South
Carolina. Hard to day that Gen
Forster had destroyed the ~~flat~~ ^{flat}
Charleston & Savannah R.R. It is
now 26 days since we left Rome
and we are all hungry for "mother
news". It is no fun being "cut off"
from the civilized world. Quite
a number of Contrabands came
in today and they afforded us
a good deal of amusement doing
nothing &c.

Wednesday Dec 7th 1864

Up early and on the move at
7 A.M. proceeded down the south
bank of the Ogeechee. Our Brigade
having the rear. Marched 10 miles
and went into camp a mile
from the river just opposite Eden.
It rained most awful hard to-
day - rained down in perfect
torrents. 15th Brigade crossed the
River this morning & found the

enemy entrenched. 2d Iowa charged
them losing 2 men killed and 4
wounded. drove the enemy from
their works and took 28 prisoners
- Our whole Corps is here now
- Only 22 miles from Savannah - and
a strong probability of a fight to mor-
row. No news of any importance
- Boys are anxious to push on &
take Savannah and have com-
-munication open once more.

Thursday Dec 8th 1864.

Orders to march at 5:30 a.m.
with 2 days rations - No transportation
to be taken except Ammunition &
"Pack Mules". Crossed the Ogeechee
at "Jones Ferry", passed through Eden
and pushed down the North bank
of the river, crossing the S & W RR
several times - a fire R.R. West
of the Camp about 3 o'clock on the
Ogeechee Canal - half a mile from
the River - distance marched 14,

miles - The 7th Ills had a slight skirmish
this afternoon - A very warm day -
Passed through parts of 4 Counties today
Bullock, Bryan, Effingham & Chatham.
Country very level. Not thickly settled.
Saw a great many evergreens while
gave the words the appearance of
Summit. Saw some splendid
Rifle Pits this morning. 6th
divⁿ of our Corps across the river
6 miles below us. 17th Ab. 3 miles this
side of Eden. 14th & 20th Corps at
the Savannah River 10 miles from
the City. Our Brigade will have
the advance tomorrow and will
have something to do - Have dis-
tant communication this morning which
is said to be "Embargo" don't the
Ogeechee. we are gradually drawing
our lines around Savannah. The
force in the place said to be 10,000
- We will be in Savannah in 3 days
if not there somewhere on the Coast
Capt Luntine & I took a walk.

down to the river. Our way will
be up sometime tonight - We have
our Hq. Qrs. under a beautiful live
"Oak tree".

Friday Dec 9th 1864.

Left Camp about 8 o'clock. Our
Regiment moved out alone to the
Savannah road. After going 3 miles
from ^{Camp} some miles some of the enemy's
sent us their compliments in shape
of shell & "minnie balls". but we
threw them easily for about 4 miles
capturing one piece of artillery.

8¹⁵ We marched $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles through thick
woods, Swampy Rice fields &c. trying
to flank the Rebel battery. But the
enemy were too fast for us. Our
skirmishers crossed the branch
of the Little Ogeechee when we
were ordered to halt. While waiting
here a train of Cars passed on the
R.R. $3\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to our right. Lt.
Burriss sent a few shells after them.
We understood the train was captured
afterwards, by the 7th Ill. Ordered

to fall back to the "Cross roads". 8⁴⁵
met in Camp. Lt. duck a mile from
the "Cross roads" in a thick pine woods.
We were within 10 miles of Savannah
today. Heard communication in several
directions but no particulars of any
fighting - 7th Ill. tore up the R.R.
today. So the enemy have no R.R.
communication - Regt. only had
one man wounded today - belonging
to the 66th Ill. - though at times the
Rebel "shell & ball" flew thick and
fast - 8¹⁵ did not disengage itself
as some expected - No news from
the other dir. - Gen. Howard was
with us most of the forenoon.
Bratton marched 10 miles.

Saturday Dec 10th 1864.

Regiment ordered to remain as
guards to division train - Capt. caught
with a platoon of a Co. was sent to
the R.R. but didn't develop any
enemy. 10⁴⁵ 66th Ill. went to the R.R.

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bridges over the Little Ogeechee River.
-1st and 3^d Brigades moved forward
on the main Savannah road. The train
moved after dinner, crossed the
west fork of the Little Ogeechee &
went in "park" at 4 P.M. 8 1/2 miles
from Savannah 4 1/2 miles from
our front. Went up to the front &
could plainly see Rebel tents & works.
-A large swamp intervenes be-
tween us & the enemy - they have
opened the "flood gates" of the Canal
and have "flooded" the country to
prevent our crossing. Heavy
Cannonading all day, but without
any ~~marked~~ result. The "Siege of
Savannah" may be said to have
commenced today, as the City
is entirely invested - Saw some
splendid Rice plantations today.
-No Communion offered yet.
And Crackers are getting scarce.
It is very probable we will have
to open a "Cracker line" before

Savannah falls. Col. Adams
sent for 81st - but Genl. Case says
it can't be spared - Cloudy, small
appearance of rain.
Retired early.

Sunday Dec 11th 1864

Woke up early. The heavy Cannonading
awakened us. - Several shots came within
a short distance of us. Remained at
Quarrels to view train. Until noon when
we were ordered to take up a position
on the left of the 3^d Brigade. Have
a good camping ground, though
the one assigned to us was a perfect
swamp. Work to haul here could
obtain permission to move to our
present position - Banned this morn-
ing but about 9 o'clock cleared off.
And we had a bright clear day. It
is quite cool and windy this morning.
It is said no further advance will
be made until we open a line of
supply. - No orders to join our
Brigade. 4th Div is on the extreme
right of the line 1st Div the left - 2^d

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The 3rd B. Haynes. Severely in Shm der
- Obtained trenching tools from the
3rd Brigade and threw up a splendid
line of works. Can see the Rebel
works very plainly. but the distance
is too great for musketry. Heavy
cannonading & musketry in direction
of Ft. McAllister - Suppose it to be
our men attacking the fort. General
Rice will attempt to cross the
Savannah tomorrow night. Had a taste
of salt water today - the tide comes
up this far. - The Brigade has not yet
perished and no news from it. Rebs
are very scarce in our front. No
news from the fleet or any part
of our lines.

Wednesday Dec 12/1864.
Gen. Rice did not cross the Ogeechee
last night as expected. Much to the
chagrin of our lines. At 2 AM Gen
Conce sent for 2 of our best Companies
to effect a crossing. but after going to
the River did not attempt it. He

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returned but 4 remained all day. Very
little firing along the line today. Ft.
McAllister was captured yesterday evening
it was taken by the 2nd Div 15th Regt
using the gasman of 2500 men. 19th Regt
our loss was about 80 killed and wounded &
our loss heavy. We now have a lack
of supplies and the main hand
army is safe and can defy the
whole South. We now think we will
do anything until we get a full
supply of rations. We are now very
short and have nothing but corn
bread to eat. - No coffee. - The Brigade
came in from the RR Bridge this
morning. being relieved by 3rd Div
- Wal down to the Ogeechee this
morning - think it will be very
difficult to effect a crossing. Gen
Pittman was sent for by Gen Conce
- a large ship reported aboard the
fleet, which we are very anxious
to get. It is more than a month
since we have seen any northern ships

Thursday Dec 15th 1864

Very spirited commanding such
this morning - our batteries seem
to have the best of it. Spent the
day in writing letters wrote three one
to father - Siggie & to H.K.S.P. 15 tons
of mail said to be at the coast but
cannot come up until the obstructions
on the "Objective" are removed. Out
a little firing on the Skirmish line.
The boys of Co. B. procured a small
"Ewing gun" and took it out on the
skirmish line. It throws a pound
ball and creates quite a disturb-
ance among the enemys pickets.
It has been a nice day, cool and
pleasant. No Rations & eating very slim.

Friday Dec 16th 1864.

Was up early. Enemy threw shell
in among us. Col Adams being afraid
that some one would get hurt, moved
us back to where the rest of the
brigade was. 1/2 mile from our
position occupied this morning.

129th Ill. detached as Provost Guard to 13th Ab.
Rec'd a large mail this evening - got six
letters 2 from Siggie - 2 from home, one
from "Hugh H.S." & one from Columbus - are
official documents - also rec'd a large
lot of Cincinnati Gazette - set up very
late reading the news was after 10
o'clock when I gave myself up to
the arms of "Morpheus".

Saturday Dec 17th 1864

Was up early and read my letters
and papers in hopes of finding some
thing new. Spent the day in writing
and sorting. Wrote a long letter to
Columbus - Mail left the Regiment
this evening - Made out a complete
Roster of Officers & Sergeants and sent
them to Columbus by "Davy Sammie".
Rations are getting very scarce. The
Army is worse off for Rations than
anytime since we have been in the
field - think we will get a supply
tomorrow - for supper we had "Hard
tack" & Cold bread & butter.

Sunday Dec 15th 1864

Went to Kings bridge today in company with Capt. Jackson St. Johnson and "Hank Cornatock". Went to see the "flat" and to get something for our mess to eat - only one bush at the bridge's unloading Rations. A large number of soldiers at the landing. The 12th started for Millers Neck today in charge of funerals. After great efforts at the bridge we succeeded in getting some "Hard tack" & sugar for our mess. Returned about dark. Had a sick dinner today - Bill one of Yaw's "dried apples". Then one was living on parched Corn today. Rations will be issued some time tonight. There are very many - A battery of 32nd Pennsylvania arrived today from New York & was sent to the 20th ab on the left of our line. - 17th are some of them in camp for Rations - Capt. Compton & 4th. He was mustered out today & will start back soon.

Monday Dec 19th 1864

Went early and sent "Charlie Strain" to the River to get the Porter for Officers & Sergeants, as I wanted to make some changes. Lieut. Ellis, Orion & Miller were mustered out today - their term of service having expired. - St. Harbaugh temporarily assigned to the Command of 13th Regt. Mustered out "Rolle" of 13th & 6th. Lieut. Pittman & 10 volunteers crossed the "Little Ogeechee" this evening at nine o'clock and explored the ground on the opposite side - he reported that a crossing could be made and Col Adams wanted to cross his Brigade immediately - but Gen. Osterhaus would not let him. I suppose we will cross the "Rohicon" tomorrow night - Gen. Rice attempted to effect a crossing but failed - a few shells demoralized him. Capt. McCain & squad floated down the River in a boat right under the guns of a Rebel battery, for

which they deserve the thanks
of the Div - Still starving - a
full supply of Rations will be
issued to night

Tuesday Dec 20th 1864

Made into quite a number of com-
missions & warrants today doing
all the party which crossed the river
last night were permitted to-day.
St. Petersburg appointed a.g.a. 2nd Reg
a good appointment - Smith, Brown
and Miller left for the north today
- Wrote a long letter to "High 18th Co."
one to Siggis. It was a more d
all day think our Bayards would
be cross tonight - but towards evening
understands that Fort Mifflin
would be taken down preparatory
to crossing tomorrow - Considerable
firing today - enemy quite active
with their artillery - It has
been a nice day, but very windy
and looks very much like rain
this evening.

Wednesday Dec 21st 1864

This morning after breakfast we
were informed that the Rebels had
taken up their departure last night
- Not believing it I went down to
the point and seen for myself that
the enemy had indeed left. We were
immediately ordered to cross. 8th Reg
& 66th crossed in a punt boat, at
the same point where St. Petersburg
and party effected a crossing. We
suffered at first that the enemy
had only fallen back to a stronger
line of works. So after crossing
we advanced cautiously - but soon
discovered that they had left the
City of Savannah alone. - We soon
struck the Gulf R.R. and proceeded
directly towards the City - down the R.R.
track - Major Henny & I had left our
horses on the other side of the Little
Ogeechee - so we took it "afoot" &
reached the suburbs of S. about 3:20 PM
and went into Camp south east of
the City among the Dutch gardens

which are full of all kinds of big
Tables - As soon as our horses
arrived. Maj Hrd I rode into the
City - With the exception of Hunts
ville it is the prettiest city I have
seen in the Southern Confederacy.
The "Wharfe" docks are magnificent
but on account of the obstructions
in the River below Hrd Jackson our
fleet cannot come up. The town
was quite full of Soldiers. quite a
number of stores were plundered
by Soldiers assisted by negroes &
"poor white folks" who seemed to
be delighted at having a chance to
pillage - As a general thing
the Citizens kept "in doors".
Saw the Rebel camp Savannah and
a gunboat laying on the opposite
side of the river - The evening
finishes Crossway this morning
about daylight. They are supposed
to be making for Charleston. I
think Sherman has rather

been "out-generaled" by Hardee, or
else he cannot have got away so
easily. Who is to blame for allowing
him to escape - time alone can
tell, but it is the general opinion
that Gen Foster is the guilty
man - We found a great many
burnt Cotton &c which the
enemy had to leave. Cold &
windy this morning - Received
some nice riding bridle today.
Retired early.

Thursday Dec 22^d 1864
- A Cold windy morning. We
obtained a horse for Hrd and spent
the day very pleasantly - L^y Johnson
and I rode down town this afternoon
- The City of Savannah is much
larger than I imagined it to
be yesterday - We visited the R.R.
buildings - The enemy left a large
amount of cooking stoves - Cans
Locomotive &c. We go around
through many fine streets & see
many fine buildings - The City

have some splendid Parks, saw
the Pulaski & Greene Monuments.
- The enemy "blew up" the Rebel
Ramp Savannah last night. it made
a fearful and tremendous explosion,
- 600 lbs detailed as Powder barrels
and ordered to report to Col. Woods

Had him a very disagreeable
day. Have made our beds down
in the floor and will try sleeping
in a house tonight.

Retired early.

Friday Dec 23rd 64

- Left early. Wind still blowing and
quite cold. Had to move our Quarters
this morning as the 3rd div of our
Corps were to camp where we were
- We moved to a much better
place 300 yds in rear of Brigade
Hd Qrs. Inside of the Rebel works.
Our Hd Qrs are near a Dutch mans
house - will make him evacuate
a room for us. Dr Johnson applied
for leave of absence today but

it will not be granted. Recd a large
mail this evening but Mary letter for
me. Orders came to be ready for
review tomorrow - our whole Corps
will be reviewed by Gen Sherman,
no news. Retired early.

Saturday Dec 24th 64

Woke up early. As ordered the
Regt. inspected for Review. 8th was
attached to Gen Rice's Brigade. Our
Div was formed on Broad St.

Passed in review before Gen Sherman
Howard Osterhaus &c. presenting
a fine appearance. Col Adams
did not go in review as he had
no command. - Glorious news
from Thomas. "Wood" has been
badly defeated before Nashville. has
lost 60 pieces of Artillery and
10,000 prisoners and he is retreat-
ing Southward rapidly.

No mail today

Retired at 9 1/2 P.M.

Sunday Dec 25th 1864

Was up early - St. John and I attended preaching this morning at the Presbyterian Church and heard a splendid sermon by the Rev. Dr. Ayson. A noted D.D. Quite a number of citizens were out. In afternoon went to 17th & 6th St. Saw Dave Platt's Capt. Simpson &c.

Sent a wagon after Oysters this morning - but they did not have very good success. Horse packing was carried on quite extensively all day on the road between camp and town. The City was full of drunken soldiers & officers. Had a splendid Oyster Supper this evening. No news today. Retired early.

Monday Dec 26th 1864

It has been a nice clear and pleasant day. Considerable talk about our new gamecocking Savannah. But there is no foundation for the

Rumor - We were informed to-day that we could fix up our quarters - for we would remain here 2 or 3 weeks. We moved our camp forward, so as to give room for the 11th Ills who came back after days absence. Several boys came up to-day but no mail. Co. "C" was transferred to 6th & 4th St. "B" to D.

Tuesday Dec 27th 1864

Was up early and went to work at morning and continued at it all day. Men busy fixing up quarters. Had a nice clear day. The new Consolidation of Co's promise to work well. "Dave Murphy" was up to see us to-day. He has a furlough of 30 days in Ohio. Capt. Siskwood sent in his resignation on Surgeon's certificate of disability - Rumor says Jeff Davis is dead. said to be official - 17th Ab was reviewed by Genl Sherman to-day - Had

Dec 28 Parade this evening - have
orders to have Parade every evening
and make a report of the same
to His Hd Qrs.

Wednesday Dec 28th 1864

It has rained nearly all day
but has cleared off this evening
Orders to have 5 Companies for his
Bayonet Regiment & Companies
and establishing drills, Camp
Guards, Guard mounting &c.

It looks as if we are going to
stay awhile. The Citizens had
a meeting today and adopted
a strong set of resolutions - Sent a
Copy to Mr. Miller

Thursday Dec 29th 1864

Capt. Vanfelt and I rode into
Shannon this morning and
saw the 17th Ab. rescued by
Genl Sherman - it presented a
fine appearance. Capt. Vanfelt
officiated at our Parade this

evening and did fine. Several boys
got quite happy - For especially -
Dr. Jacobs & Howell came over
and had a game of "Whist" - The
Antich family moved down
town today could we have the
whole house for Hd Qrs.

Friday Dec 30th 1864

A bright clear night. The 20th Ab.
was reviewed today - About the
time the review commenced they
fired a salute and we imagined
we had heard around but it was
just some of the 20th Ab. style. They
presented quite an indifferent ap-
pearance. Many who went to see
them were very much as they ex-
pected to see something extra.

Men are entirely out of something
to eat - Sent a wagon after of stores
for New Years. A blockade runner
saw up today - Not knowing Samuel
was in our possession - is said to be re-
-vised again next week

Saturday Dec 3rd 1864

The companies were mustered for pay to-day - Spent the forenoon in making Muster Rolls for "Field and Staff". Lt Tyler gave us a call this morning and Major made some "Alabama's" as soon as we were through mustering. Major H & Hays inhibited any fighting and consequently both became heartily drunk - Tumblers were broken papers & reports spoiled and havoc made generally - So we were very much relieved when they got past navigation - Our Oyster wagon returned and we had a huge Oyster Supper - Major H not able to eat Oysters - Owing to the inclemency of the weather - no parade was held this evening - Received some papers of date 1798 - Sent a copy to Siggis - One horse and driver at to Dr Miller - Sat up until eleven o'clock & then retired - Slept in the bed locked in front of the fire in the floor. Our blankets

were in a condition not to be used tonight - So for & I had to separate. Do not think, I will soon forget this day.

Yauwell 1864.

January 1st 1865

A bright clear day - very cool in the morning. Water nearly as much thicker in water bucket. Major H. arose feeling quite badly after his disipation of yesterday. Sent Johnson & I attended my preaching in forenoon at the Presbyterian Church and heard a splendid sermon by Dr Ayson. Quite a large number of Citizens were present. Genl Sherman was out and attracted the attention of the Citizens. In the afternoon Dr Johnson Peterson & Nardle Comstock "Hoggy" rode down to Ft. Humboldt - which is a strongly fortified position - from the fort we proceeded to Bismarck Cemetery where we saw some of the graves of the Army & Navy - Saw several

Palm trees - Returned about 4 P.M.
Had review Parade Capt. V. officiating

Monday Jan 21 1865

Nothing of special interest happened today - Made out a report of the operations of the Regiment since Oct 5th 64 and sent to Brigade Hd Qrs. Went into Savannah this evening to attend a concert but it was indefinitely postponed - Before returning to Camp called at the Hd Qrs 66th Ills and had a pleasant chat with Lt. Warner. Retired late.

Tuesday Jan 24 65

Left early. Spent the forenoon in making out Men Commissioned warrants - Was hit by spent ball this morning in foot which was very painful for a while. Had a very nice Battalion drill this P.M. Men & Officers are very

nasty and well drilled - Recd a letter from Sam this morning.

Capt. Lockwood's resignation came this evening - Good bye Charley. We will miss you very much. Howell & Pittman gave us a call this evening. Part of the 17th Ab. left to day - There are strong indications of a snow soon. Major H. had school this evening.

Wednesday Jan 25 65

Had Battalion drill this A.M. so that the Officers could attend the review of the 1st N.Y. Cavalry which had been summoned to come off today. Major Henry Capt. Van Fleet. Hawk Amstutz & myself rode down to see the review but were disappointed, as the review was postponed quite a number of appearances. Quite a number of boats were up. Roads all over

town hunting for "sutter stones", but
couldn't find any. bought some
Apples 8 for a dollar. Saw Duke
Worley of the 6888 After waiting
a while for an "extra" Satchel
a republican, we awoke back to camp
Wrote a letter to Father. a very
small mail arrived this evening
- one letter for me - from Mom.
Returned late

Thursday June 5th 1865

Spent the day in making out a
"Monthly Return" to send to Washington
City - Had battalion drill again this
morning. Capt. Guthrie gave us a
call this P.M. I am informed he
is becoming "demonized" "Hank
Comstock" started for Hellas Had
St. sent for some clothing. John
S. & M. obtained clothing and
issued it to the Companies - 12th
We were on fatigue detail working
on fortification. expect we will

get a like detail tomorrow. Wrote a
letter to Siggie - Had a renewal
this evening - felt no pain

Friday June 6th 1865

Arrived this morning - but changed
off about noon. - Made out an
old requisition - which was respectfully
returned for correction - Made
out a R. Stephens disempower
Roll & forwarded it to Capt. James
Edwards. Capt. Campbell Lockman
Gaz & I sat up quite late playing
my Casino.

Saturday June 7th 1865

To day the grand review of the
13th Corps came off. and it was
indeed a grand affair. we were
reviewed by Genl Sherman. Our
troop was formed on Liberty St. Had
to wait several hours before the
reviewing Officer passed. It was
quite cool, which made it rather
unpleasant. The reviewing Officer
was stationed somewhere in the
middle of the line.

a vast concourse of Citizens and
soldiers were present to see the
Cape pass. It was near 4 o'clock
when we returned to Camp. Had
our parade before the battalion
was dismissed. Gen Logan arrived
today in time to see his Cape
on review. Recd a mail this
evening - Recd two letters, one
from Lizzie and the other from
home from Ed. folks at home
very anxious to hear from me.
Col Adams & Lt. Howell
gave us a call this evening
Word that Gen Brown
has recalled the Georgia State
troops & ordered the stars and
stripes to be hoisted in the State
- Retired late - after writing a
letter to Lizzie

Saturday June 8th 1865

Quite a pleasant morning. Lt
Johnson & I attended preaching
at the Presbyterian

Church. Recd orders to march
tomorrow at 6 1/2 o'clock - but we
will not have to march very far
- Our Brigade is ordered to report
to Col Woods to relieve a part
of the 1st Div which has marching
orders. - So it is very probable
that we will remain here and
do garrison duty. Wrote a long
letter to "Lt H. R. S. R." - 12th Ills
Came back from Nelson Head
today. Retired early.

Monday June 9th 1865

Up early. Regt started down
town at 7 A.M. - After waiting
several hours in the street - We
were ordered back to our old camp.
- the order for us to do garrison duty
having been countermanded. When
we reached camp it began to rain
and continued to rain all day.

Gen Logan was expected to visit
our camp but he did not - make
was waiting on the p. - stationed
at the Cape during the day

Inspection which was to have come off today was postponed until Wednesday next. - Capt Lockwood bid us Good Bye at noon today, but came back in the evening, as there was no boat going north.

Tuesday Jan 11th 65

A very rainy day. Capt Lockwood got off this morning. Nothing of interest happened today. Slight clear was very dense this evening and had an altercation with his friend John Riley.

Retired late

Wednesday Jan 12th 65

Monthly inspection today by Capt Cameron A.A.S.G. - It was quite chilly all morning and consequently it was not very pleasant. The Regiment took inspection troops. The Regiment as camp presented a very good appearance and the inspection was

pleased with the condition of things on the 8th. - While on inspection Dr Jacobs Capt Guthrie Dr Howell & Tyler called and remained until after dinner. Alabama¹ and drank quite freely and some of the party became quite jolly. Dr Howell got sick eating Pork and Beans. Dr. Smith the 7th Ill. this P.M. and was quite "salubrious" when he returned. - Dr Johnson started to hear Dr. Smith's lecture but did not go any farther than Brigade Hd Qrs. - Wrote a long letter to Columbus. Dr Tyler brought over his resignation today but it was respectfully addressed and he took it back. Received orders for the Regiment to report at 6th o'clock tomorrow morning to Dr Col Can Bellars for duty.

Thursday Jan 13th 65

Regiment reported as ordered were working on the fortifications

all day. I did not go out with the Regiment but remained in the Office until noon. After dinner Johnson & I went to Savannah to see Paul Kilpatrick's Cavalry Regiment - it was a grand sight - things they did not make as fine appearance as the Infantry Corps - Saw Sec. Stanton & Cummings - He said the former brought down several stars - It is very likely that Paul Corb will be made a Major Genl. if he is our div will be Capt. to remain in Savannah. Saw Capt. Thurston but did not get to speak to him - "Wants Corb's" returned from Hilton Head today - he has a small stock of "Butter goods" coming by a Schooner - We are all very anxious to get a mail. Haven't had one for 10 days - Had a Dinner Headache this evening and retired early -

Friday January 13th 1865

Nothing of special interest today - Had Guard mounting this morning - Lieut. Johnson, Murphy & I took down town this evening to hear Dr. Stick's - Not as good as we expected it would be - his subject was Pluck. Had a call from Capt. White this morning

Saturday Jan 14th 1865

A large mail was announced in the morning paper has having arrived last night (per Steamer) - So we spent the day in anticipation of receiving a large lot of papers and letters. The mail reached the Regiment about 10 P.M. and we were all sadly disappointed as very few letters were received - It is two weeks since we received a mail of any size. Sent home was made a Hunt May sent today. 66th Ill. were relieved and from duty as Provost Guards and T.

rejoined the Brigade. Reading matter
very scarce and we are all anxious
to get a file of Northern papers
Sunday-

January 15th 1865

C. Another Postall mail arrived to-
day but very little for me. W.L.
sent the Daily papers (Gazette &
Commercial) as late date as
Dec 31st and we have spent
most of this day reading the
news. St. Pittman has been
recommended for a C. - Lt
Giles sent in his resignation today
and will not attend preaching
Had some reports to make this
morning and it was after Church
time when I had them finished.
- Had a detail for Grand Guard
the first since we have been
in Savannah. 17 A.C. left
more than a week ago for transport
Co and the 1st & 2nd Co of our
Company already left & we are
expecting to follow soon.

Monday January 16th 1865

Woke up very early this morning as
I had to suspect the Grand Guard
before sending it away. "Big five"
about forage today - Brigade C.M.
has been drawing forage & not dis-
tributing it equally to the Regiments.
I met the "one John" shuffled
of his mortal coil today.

Detail came for the whole Regt
tomorrow - part for forage picket
and the rest for fatigue - The
new fortifications around Savannah
are being rapidly completed. It
is now said that Genl. Foster's
troops will garrison Savannah
and Sherman will take all
his troops with him in his
next Campaign.

January 17th 1865

A beautiful day. The Regiments
with the Brigade went all day
working on the fortifications. Will
not go out with the Regiments but

remained in camp until after
dinner, when Hawk Combs & I rode
down town. Called on "Charlie Bell"
- he is clerking in the marine trans-
-portation Office. - Also called on
Lieut. Brown. - Part of the 2^d Corps
left today. - Procured tickets for
the "Opera House" and this evening
in conspiracy with Capt. Common
Lieut. Johnson Howell & Humphrey
wrote the "Star". Which proved
to be a very poor concern. - We
recd. to-day the news of the capture
of "Pocotaligo" by the 1st Ala. which
gives us over land communication
with Hilton Head via "Causeway"
- This evening we recd. orders to be
ready to move at any early moment
to take as much baggage & baggage
as we can but not to overtake the
wagons. This shows we will not
go by transports as expected
but will go by land. And also dis-
pelled the idea of the 2^d Corps doing
Pamlico duty in Savannah. It

is thought that Sherman intends
to move on Charleston and that the
city will fall within 30 days. - It is
said all of the 1st Corps is on its way
here - part having already arrived.
Retired later.

Wednesday - Jan'y 15th 1865

Woke up early. - Heard to day of the
capture of Ft. Fisher at the entrance
of Cape Fear River - by an expedition
which started out after the one un-
der Butler failed. - It was assaulted
and carried with heavy loss on each side.
1st Captured 1,750 officers & men and
70 pieces of artillery. - It was a glo-
rious victory and Wilmington has
lost its military importance to the
enemy. - Recd. orders to be ready
to move tomorrow at 8 A.M. Spent
the evening in "packing up". - Wrote
a letter home to one to Eggle, in-
forming them of our departure
from Savannah. Sent the "Met-
ropolitan" for Jan'y & Dec. to Washington
City. - Retired later.

Thursday Jan'y 19th 1865.

Up at an early hour. Left Camp
at 8 o'clock, 81st bringing up the rear
of the Brigade - we moved down to
the city and after laying a couple
of hours on "South Broad St." we cross-
ed over the River to Hutchinson
Island. Here we had to halt on
account of the "famine" of troops and
trains on our front. About this
time it began to rain very hard.
While waiting here Lt Johnson and
I recrossed and went to a saloon
and got a "lunch" - but before
we got back to the river we
found that the river had been
ordered back to camp - as the
roads were found to be impassable.
When we reached our camp we
found that's every thing was
shut except the lines used
for the Co's. - Hank Combs is not
come of his grade this morning.
- It is very probable we will
start again tomorrow morning.

It is still raining very hard.
Retired late.

Friday Jan'y 20th 1865.

No orders to move - spent the fore-
noon in writing. About noon heard
that Lieut Robinson had arrived on
a steamer from New York. Sent Charlie
down with a horse but the boat
had not come up from St. Thomas
Island. - After dinner Lt Johnson
I went into town & found Lt R.
at the "Palace Hotel" - he had
never as yet official information of
his discharge. He has been on duty
most of the time in Nashville
- he came around via New York
with convalescents for Sherman's
army. He came out to camp
with us and we have been hear-
ing a regular old Washburn talk
this morning - he will remain
with us several days and then
go north again. All the troops
which troops crossed the river
yesterday - were ordered back today.

Quite a number of wagons were left stuck in the mud, over on Hutchinson Island - It still continues to rain very hard and the probability is, we will not move very soon and when we do go it will be by transports - Heard to-day that Wilmington was captured but this report needs confirmation - A special mail this evening principally papers - Nothing for me.

Saturday Jan'y 21st 1865.
Up early, and the rain still coming down in torrents - Sent Robinson & I rode down town this morning, - but it was so foggy that we could not see much of the city - When we returned we found that a large mail had arrived - Recd 4 letters. 2 from Lizzie - One from Columbus - and one from Uncle Joshua. - Recd a note from Ad^l h. Hunt of Ohio in reference to promissory note

a letter to Columbus in reply to the adj^l Genl. - Also made out Posters of Officers & Sergeants but did not send them as Col Adams wished to make some changes in them. - Retired late after writing a letter to Lizzie

Sunday Jan'y 22nd 1865

- Did not attend preaching this morning, as I had reports to make out - After dinner Linn & Robinson Crawford Johnson & I rode down to Bonaventure Cemetery - and notwithstanding the rain - we were well paid for our tumble - The scenery around the Cemetery is grand - it is just full of grand old live oaks covered with Spanish Moss - making every thing present a cold and melancholy appearance - We bought quite a number of specimens of Moss viz grass &c. - Recd a letter to Dannie and sent

her some mess &c. Made
out another roster of Sergeants
and wrote another letter to the
Adjutant of this - both were signed
by Col Adams. he accompanied
3 Sergeants for promotion - Sergeants
Rank Noyes, Nathan Mason and
Brommear. Maj H. Maule com-
manded a "free" about Col A and
wrote a roster and said the first
roster made should go to Boston
- Retired late
Still raining at 10 1/2 P.M.

Monday July 23^d 1865

Up early after a good night's rest
and found it still raining. Sent
of the rosters which Col Adams
signed last night. Remained
in camp all day. Towards eve-
ning it cleared off and it looks as
if we are going to have pleasant weather
- Recd another small mail today
but nothing for me. The 3^d Div
is taking transports for Beaufort

and expect we will follow in a few
days. Lt Robinson is with us and
will stay as long as we remain
here. Had a game of "anthers"
this evening - Retired late. Clear
and windy at retiring.

Tuesday July 24th 1865

Was up not very early - very cold
and windy throughout the day and
we all kept close to the fire.
No news of any importance. No
mail. Capt Guthrie gave us a
call - he informed us that we
would move day after tomorrow
- Our Div. will go up the Savannah
River on the Georgia side to "Sixteen
Mile" and beyond the army near
Beaufort. - Lt Pittman and
Howell gave us a call this evening.

Wednesday July 25th 1865

After a good night's rest was up
early - Cold and still windy
No news of any importance.

we were expecting orders to move
any moment but they are not
received - It is said the 1st Brigade
have orders to move tomorrow, they
will go ahead and affair the
craile - Mr Robinson Johnson and
I went down town after dinner
- went to "baker shop" and got
my hair cut & shampooed & a
shaved late

Thursday Jan 26th 1865
Up late. 1st Brigade moved out
but returned in a short time
- Gen Cox ordered it to move
after the 20th Corps and they were
expected to move today but did
not - A large mail arrived to-
day but we will not get it until
tomorrow for it takes sometime
to distribute so large a mail
- Has been a very pleasant
thunp. Cool and windy

Friday Jan 27th 1865
Up early - There is a strong prob-
-ability afloat that we will move
tomorrow. So for now I spent the
forenoon in making out reports
so as to be ready to move. The
last of the 20th Corps moved out
today and the 3rd Brigade moved
out after them. Recd a large
mail to day. got 3 letters. One from
home. one from Siggie and the
other announcing Dave Humphys
arrival at Columbus, O. This will
be our last mail for sometime
as we will not join our Corps
until we get near Branchville. No
nothing definite is known concerning
the coming Campaign. It is said
we will take the same amount of
action as we did in the Savannah Cam-
-paign - Wrote several letters and will
send them north by Sam Robinson
who will start north as soon as a
boat leaves - Packed up this morn
will be ready to start at 7 am
not receive a word from home

Common morning - the time we
are ordered to be ready to move.
Returned late.

Saturday Jan'y 28th 1865
After returning last night was annihilated at 11^{1/2} P.M. by the explosion of shells in the Rebel arsenal, which was destroyed by fire. At times the explosions were terrific. A great many buildings were burned and a number of lives were lost. The fire engines could do but very little to extinguish the flames on account of the blunting of the shells. We got up early - packed & loaded up and left at the time ordered. 8¹⁵ bringing up the rear of the big column - rear of the div & the rear of Sherman's army. We passed through the City and took the Louisville Road and traveled briskly until sundown making 18 miles and camped 3 miles east of Eden. We passed through a low marshy country & as the roads were impassable, we marched on the RR

(C. & A. R.)
the rails and ties having been removed so that wagons could travel over it. This has been a cold raw day. Johnson left this morning on the "Democrat" for the North. There are various rumors as to our probable destination but the general impression is that we will make for Wilmington N.C. - Our div will cross the Savannah at Siler's Ferry. The 14th & 20th Corps are ahead of us.

Returned early.

Sunday Jan'y 29th 1865
This has not seemed much like Sunday. "Broke up" camp at 6¹⁵ A.M. and traveled until sundown, camping 21 miles south of Springfield - having marched 14 miles over the most miserable roads imaginable. Country very poor. Only saw two houses today - no forage. The 8¹⁵ being in the advance we had plenty of work to do, making "cinderog". The country today was swampy & unproductive. Heard today that the

Shermans order concerning the
Canning Campaigns. Army of the Union
under Genl Howard to concentrate
at or near Pocatello S.C. The Army of the
C. Cumberland under Schoone to
concentrate at Robertsville S.C. - both
armies to load their wagons with
the same amount of supplies as
in the "Savannah Campaign" in
the there both armies to march
inwards.

Returned late

Monday, Jan'y 31st, 1865

Left Camp at 6 A.M. 8 1/2 m
advance of the Brigade. Halt at
Springfield nearly an hour for
the roads to be repaired & for
Kilpatrick's Cavalry to pass. 10th
C. Brigade also passed us here. Roads
come better than yesterday.
Went into Camp at 4 o'clock. 3 1/2
miles from "Bitters Ferry". 20th
Corps in Camp 2 miles in front
near. It is likely we will

remain here three or four days.
Weather Cold & Clear. Country here
level - Soil, Sandy - Timber - pine, hickory,
& "scrub oak" - distance marched 16 1/2
10 miles - Private Motie "A" Co has
his leg broken today by a falling
tree.

Tuesday Jan'y 31st, 1865

Remained in Camp all day,
Men busy washing & drying
their clothes - Weather moder-
ating. Heard today that 1400
with 20,000 was at Columbia
S.C. The report is said to be
reliable - It is likely we will
get a mail before we leave here.
Several men of the 20th Corps
were killed & wounded by Indians
across the river today.

Wednesday Feb'y 1st, 1865

No orders to move. Spent the
forenoon in writing. After dinner
Lt Johnson rode down to the
ferry and crossed over into S.C.

Roads were being repaired by
of the 14th & 20th Corps. Saw where
several torpedoes had been taken
out. It will be several days
before we get away from here.
I heard today that our Corps
at Hickory Hill St. and expected
us to join them there. Am
I afraid this part of the army
is delaying the rest. Gen Sherman
has ordered Shocum to "hurry
up". We are losing precious
time waiting here. Weather
is warm and pleasant.

Thursday July 3rd 1865

Another pleasant day. Remained
in the office during the forenoon.
Ca wrote 2 letters. One to Father and
the other to Lizzy. 1st & 3rd Regts
reviewed by Gen Davis today and
we are ordered to prepare for
review tomorrow. In the afternoon
Pittman & I rode down
to the 14th & 20th to see some

of his friends and from there
we went to the "Ferry" & thence
to Camp. Col Campbell, Mr.
Newell & Co. joined the 14th
today - They report the
23rd A.C. on its way here. Return
early - Appearance of rain.

Friday July 3rd 1865

Up early and found it raining.
Review postponed until after
dinner on account of the
rain. Spent the forenoon
laying around doing nothing
with plenty of help. At 12
o'clock we were out in an open
field and were reviewed by Gen
Davis. After the review we had
Bryade drill. The Bryade is
said to have made a fine
appearance. Had dress parade
this evening & read a list
of Orders in reference to the
coming Campaigns. We are
not allowed to take arms to

This alone will be used for
Shelter, 2000 2000 Conspicuous
moving out this evening. It
is raining quite hard. has
the appearance of a 20th
square. Retired early.

Saturday July 4th 1865

Up early and found it raining
2000 2000 Corps. ~~then~~
Chased our camp this morning
in a note for the River. Held
a fine battalion drill in the
forenoon. The weather being
clear and off. We were ordered
to have Bayard drill. but just
as we were "falling in" Genl
Pittman informed me that the
River was fast frozen. as we
were ordered to be ready to
move at once. 10th We left
at 11 P.M. and went about
to repair roads. We left
Camp at 3 P.M. Reached
Blanchard River about

dark. when we had to wait²⁵
sometimes for the 1st Bayard²⁵
to get out of the way. As each
Reg. entered S.C. they gave us
a yell. - We advanced up the
River about 3 miles over
the "Corduroy" (magnificent)
and went into Camp about
9 P.M. Ordered to draw 2
days Rations and 2 days Hard
Bread extra. A very foggy
night. Our first night on
the "Sacred Soil". Retired at
11 P.M.

Sunday July 5th 1865

Up early. 8th ordered to go ahead
at 5 o'clock with axes. One Reg.
from each Bayard was sent
forward. We were busy all
day fixing roads. and only went
8 miles - just across a large
swamp where we went into
Camp. It was 3 P.M. before
the 2nd A.C. got out of our way.

7th Advance of the 14th. It was
quite late before the Brigade
came in. Recd a small
mail today - nothing for me.
I heard to day that Uniontown
was within 16 miles of Branch
ville and expected to occupy
the B & O R.R. immediately.
and one wing of the army would go
to the right & the other to the left of
Uniontown. We are in Camp near
C. Robertsonville. Has been a very
pleasant day.

Monday July 6th 1863

Left Camp at 8 A.M. our Brigade
taking the rear of the div. Passed
through Robertsonville which was
all in ashes except a Church.
Road very heavy. Consequently
we could not travel far. Left
the road traveled by the 20th Corps
and took the Cantonville road. Went
to Camp at 7 P.M. 6 miles from
Cantonville. Has been raining hard
all day. No

this evening. and obtained 2 "Barkers"
for our wheel. Country level but not
very productive - Timber - pine -
distance Marched 12 miles, Rumors
of a fight near Branchville. Our
div is on a by road. and some
quantity of feed forage for man
and horse quite plenty. Col Adams
arrived a limber to day

Tuesday July 7th 1863

Up early and found it still raining
very hard. It was after 8 o'clock
when we got under way. 10 am 3rd
Brigade had to about face as they
had got on the wrong road. It
continued to rain all forenoon and
the roads were very bad. Had to
"Circumvent" nearly half the way. Crossed
"Cassawatchin River" and went
into Camp near Hickory Hill. It
is strange the "Rebs" did not follow
here. Now we found the "Rebs"
who had been receding and
Ambulance train loaded

which commenced. to Beaufort ^{and}
7.1st 7.1st now on their way to join the
3.1st 3.1st Corps. The men were wounded.
11.1st 11.1st at "Rivers Bridge" across the
12.1st 12.1st "Sallikatchie". Recd a small
13.1st 13.1st mail this evening, nothing for
14.1st 14.1st but a bunch of "Valentine's Red"
15.1st 15.1st Acorn's feathers of the 3rd Regt.
16.1st 16.1st which I suppose will be the
17.1st 17.1st last news for us, for some
18.1st 18.1st time. We are still 30 or 40
19.1st 19.1st miles from our Corps, ^{and} are
20.1st 20.1st on a different road from other
21.1st 21.1st troops. Distance thence 6
22.1st 22.1st miles. A very hard day for
23.1st 23.1st Soldiers - Retired late

7.1st 7.1st Wednesday July 8th 1865
11.1st 11.1st Off early. left Camp at 7 A.M.
12.1st 12.1st Our Brigade having the advance
13.1st 13.1st This has been the hardest days
14.1st 14.1st march of the Campaign. We find
15.1st 15.1st the roads very bad, ^{and} the troops
16.1st 16.1st had to work hard making "Ordinary"
17.1st 17.1st Country very poor ^{and} but few

horses. traveled in a north west
direction all day - do not know
what road we are on. After finding
a part of the "Whip-poor-will" River
we crossed it. ^{and} went to camp
in a pine woods, about 1 1/2 miles
from the "Swamp". Supply train
did not get across the "Whip-poor-will"
Swamp. ^{but} we had to send
a team back after Rations. A fine
bright clear day. Distance 15
miles. Dr. Horrell ^{and} Benjamin
had quite a difficulty - about
the time to-day. Horrell
was victorious

Thursday July 9th 1865
Orders to move at 6 o'clock
but the supply & ordnance had
to cross the "Whip-poor-will" ^{and}
it was 3 P.M. before our Brigade
which had the advance started -
We marched six miles. Crossed
the "Sallikatchie" at "Rivers Bridge",
^{and} went to camp on the north
bank of the stream. The 17th Regt

Brigade had the advance of the
Div & we found the saddle fine.
We crossed the R.R. (C.V.A.) near
Graham's Station & traveled in a
northerly direction. We crossed the
South Edisto River. Next came
Sunny near where 17th AB had got the
- And proceeded on the Orange-
burgh Road. Went to Camp at
330 P.M. 14 miles west of
Orangeburgh. We were in Camp
near where a Union lady lived
who had befriended some of our
escaped prisoners. Saw front
of the 17th AB on 3rd div of our Corps.
Passed the house occupied by
Gen Sherman last night. The
R.R. we crossed was entirely
destroyed. We will not see
Annapolis as come expected
for the army seems to be
moving towards Columbia
- Country fine. Weather warm
and pleasant. Timber pine & oak.
Rode on old mail land
at Orangeburgh.

which has been at Corps Hd Qrs for
some time. Nothing for me, Genl
Hill says is said to be in Sumner's
side. do not think Sherman will
give him battle. if he can possible
help it. Returned early.

Sunday July 12th 1863

Ordered to start at 6. but it was
near 8 A.M. before we were under
way. Our Brigade having dinner
marched about 18 miles and
went into Camp at one P.M.
3 miles from the North Edisto
River & 6 from Orangeburgh.
- 17th AB was crossing the
River this evening. Left Hd Qrs
at Orangeburgh to night. It
was thought yesterday that the
enemy would certainly give us
battle the day at the Edisto River
but "very fight". At 4th div resigned
time excepted, Steam place
and day. Quite windy & cloudy
this eve - Country poor & sandy.

Monday July 13th 1865
 left at 4 and left at 5 A.M.
 but it was nearly 8 A.M. before
 we crossed Edisto River. After
 crossing the River our Division
 took the advance of the Corps.
 - traveled on the Columbus road
 and this evening we are 20
 miles from the Capital of S.C.
 - distance marched 20 miles
 - Had good crops. Country average
 - good. weather Cool & clear.
 Did not find any enemy
 in our front; Passed through
 a great many turpentine Camps.
 - They were on fire and the
 smoke was almost insupportable.
 - Gen Sherman, Howard
 and Logan were with us today
 and have their Hd Qrs near
 us. - Am very anxious to get
 out of this fine country. we
 can't be just impossible to keep
 clear. Heard today that
 Gen Schofield had landed

at McBurnett's with the
 23rd Ab. - We are all confirmed
 in this Campaign at 2nd
 meeting with any of position
 - It is uncertain whether
 we will visit Columbia we
 may leave it to our left.
 All in Camp on Little Back
 Creek tonight.

Tuesday 14th 1865
 Ordered to march at 7 A.M. our
 Brigade having the advance. We
 passed through Sand town P. O.
 Here we struck the old Charleston
 road. Crossed Sand town creek and
 went on Camp 2 miles from the creek
 and 14 from Columbia. About 12 M.
 - We were ordered to fortify but
 the order was countermanded just
 as we were ready to go to work. It
 began to rain about 1 P.M. and it
 continued to rain all afternoon
 & evening. Read "Book Order" this
 evening - think it is perfectly

splendid. Returned early. Distance
marched 10 miles. Country average
good.

Wednesday July 15th 1865.

Ordered to march at 8 A.M. &
were under way at the appointed

time. Our Brigade is rear of the
Division. Soon after starting we

halted and I read a lot of orders
to the Regiment - 1st & 2d Div's in

advance and were skirmishing with
the enemy nearly all day. We

marched 12 miles - halted at our
supper and the Div was ordered

forward 2 miles and went to camp
on the banks of the Organo Creek.

The enemy were fortified on this
Creek but went down back of

down near the Creek very back.

Do not think there can be a
very large force in our front, Saw

only this evening. Has been
cloudy all day but has cleared

off. As a prospect for a bright
day tomorrow. We cannot be

more than 4 miles from Columbia,

our whole army is concentrated

near here. It is still very uncertain
whether Sherman takes

the place - but we are all certain
he can enter the place if he wishes

us to do so.

Thursday July 14th 1865

Late yesterday evening we read
orders that if the enemy left our

front during the night the demon-
stration against Columbia would

be continued. This morning we
found that the enemy had fallen

back during the night. About
8 A.M. our Div. crossed the Con-

garee Creek. We advanced across
a very large plain in full view

of the City. All the Corps was
on this plain. 1st & 2d Divs in our

front & 3d in rear. It was indeed
the grandest sight I ever saw. The

whole Corps could be seen at once.

I have often read of General's mar-

shalling their hosts for battle. But

never saw it before. We halted
 about 30 minutes on the plain, in
 full view of the City - During this
 time we were skirmishing with the
 enemy across Congaree River - they reply
 with Artillery. ^{and} we answering
 with "five and seven" Dr. bands ^{and}
 waving of flags - Such a sight is
 seldom seen. We then advanced
 down opposite the City - where we
 lay until 4 P.M. our batteries shell
 by the Texas and Rebels who seem
 to be evacuating the City. We
 advanced several miles up the
 River (above where the Saluda
 and Broad Rivers unite and form
 the Congaree.) Crossed the Saluda
 and went into Camp. 8 P.M. but
 it was 11 P.M. before the wagons
 got over ^{and} 12 M. before eating our
 supper. - distance marched 6 miles
 - I think we will cross Broad
 River tomorrow ^{and} enter Columbia
 Owing to the width ^{and} shallness
 of the River (Congaree) opposite to

Columbia it could not be "formented".
 It said the "Rebs" have left the City
 and only a diminished force remains.
 We shall see tomorrow.

Friday July 15th 1865

This has been a day long to be re-
 membered - We entered the Capital
 of the State which first passed the Ordinance
 of Secession. We recd orders
 to march at 7 A.M. but we did
 not get off at the time ordered.
 After breakfast Pink Johnson Captain
 McCain ^{and} I went down to Broad
 River. Our men were busy laying
 pontoons. Col Stone ^{and} his 1st Div
 15th Regt was thrown across in pontoon
 boats and were advancing and
 driving the enemy easily before them.
 At 12 M. we recd orders to move
 with 4 days Rations ^{and} no transfer
 - Rations allowed except our "Ambulance".
 We crossed Broad River in Boat
 1st Div ^{and} went through Columbia
 with bands playing Colors flying &c &c

It was indeed a grand sight to see
a victorious army marching through
the streets of "Recession". A great
many stores were plundered. The
regiment were wild with delight. A
great many soldiers were drunk hav-
ing obtained whiskey from a distillery.
Columbia was quite a nice city.
Contains some splendid residences.
The new state House will be a
splendid edifice when completed.
We made no camp. One mile from
the City - 15th Corps in line of battle.
About dusk the City was
set on fire and from there until
midnight the fire raged. As the
wind was blowing furiously
the sight is said to have been a
description - It was indeed grand
as seen from our camp. The streets
were full of drunken soldiers, guards
freemen, women and children. &c.
All was confusion & excitement.
And as the wind was very high it
was just impossible to extinguish

the flames. The boys were loaded with
delicacies. Tobacco was plenty - more
than we know what to do with - Most
of it was taken from the stores in
the City. The burning of Columbia
does not reflect much credit on
our army - a very disgraceful
affair - but whiskey denied under
not the soldiers.

Saturday July 13th 1863

Ordered to march at 7 A.M. - fully
armed and equipped to destroy
R.R. - We left our camp, guard ex-
pecting to return this eve. We pro-
ceeded down the C & C R.R. 4 miles
and began to tear up the tracks.
On the way down we passed the
ruins of a Rebel Commissary
which had been destroyed by fire.
- We also saw an immense
number of darkies on their way
to Columbia - all happy that the
day of jubilee had come. This morn-
all the places for contrabands seen
saw. - After turning at a mile of the

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Con.
"Got in a great many
to start with
It was
uncomfortable
by all means
one heavy fog
Right away in
today. We were
Rich Church's last
year who was in
today got in the
side of the hill
clouds but. We
mainly in the
in 5 miles of
we changed back
the left. When we

near the village of Pinkneys, where
we left the main Camden road.
Col Adams with the 12th Ills and 4
Cos of the 66th Ills & 4th was ordered
to proceed to Camden and take the
place if possible. He entered the
town without loss. - destroyed a
large lot of Commissary stores, RR
depot &c. He skirmished
over the battle of Hotchkiss Hill
& Camden is said to be a very
beautiful country town.

After leaving the Camden
road we passed through a level
sandy pine country. - Saw the
first antebellum residence today I have
ever seen - Cool Springs residence
Quite a number of prisoners
were captured today among them
a Rebel Captain a C.S. Col
Return came in from Camden
about 7 P.M. Has commenced
passing again the army and
I fear we will have another bat-
tle. We are in Camden no a

limpentine Camps, about 7 miles
north of Camden. We have been
hearing rumors of the evacuation of
Charleston by the enemy. As I guess
the place has been abandoned by
them and the "Blue Coats" are occu-
-pants of the town, we are now
nearing the boundary line between
North and South Carolina. As unless
we change our direction to the east
we will in a few days enter North
Carolina. It is very uncertain
when we will reach the coast.
- distance marched, 20 miles. We
are on the Charcoal road this eve.

Saturday July 28th 1865

Ordered to march at 7 A.M. but
it was near 8 before we were under
way. The 2d Div and our Div have
been travelling on the same road for
some days. So day the 2d Div had
the road and we either had to
make a parallel road or march
in the rear, but our choice

former, and we finally marched 7
miles, we got in camp as soon
as the 2d Div. We marched in
a north-east direction all day on
the Chocoma Road. In camp
near a turpentine distillery,
Still cloudy and drizzling rain,
dry sharp thunders & lightning
just as we were going to beds

Sunday July 26th 1865
Ordered to be ready to move at
6 A.M. but it was an hour later
before we broke camp. Marched
10 miles to Lynch's Creek. En route
we halted several hours. On
account of the recent rains the
stream was very much swollen
and it was found to be impossible
to cross the supply & ordnance
trains. - The creek is more like
a swamp than anything else.
All the Regulars would cross
as the 1st and 3d Regiments of
Artillery and this evening about
midnight we were in camp in a

half of them are "stuck in the
mud". The stream is more than
a half a mile in width. As a result,
my horse fell down with me in
crossing and a "ducking" was the
consequence. Col Adams Capt
Cannon and quite a number of others
met with similar luck. The
stream is rising very rapidly &
there is telling how soon our wagons
will get over. We are now here
without any blankets and it is
impossible to send over after them.
We sent after our Cooks, they suc-
ceeded in effecting a crossing.
Dr Johnson came with them they
had to swim their horses. Dr J. at-
tempted to across, but he got
"backed" and about-faced as he will
spend the night with us. Our
Regulars fought quite a sharp
little fight with the enemy today.
Capt Davis & Co received 7 paper
Cuts which were inflicted by the
hands of a Supt. Co. Our loss 2

for wounded. Rebel loss said to be 15-
as killed - The forgers certainly
as deserve great credit for their
a brave & gallant try. - The enemy
of our Cavalry, belong to Bull Run
in command and are just from Richmond
of. Our direction to day has been
to North east - Weather clear and
is pleasant. Do not think we will
soon forget this day. We are ordered
to be under arms tomorrow morning
at daylight. We are air riding to
at 6. hear some distant news. It will
be at least 10 days before we have
communication. Crossed Snake
Creek at Diers bridge.

Monday July 27th 1863

Slept soundly last night before
a large log fire. Under arms at
6. a.m. After breakfast went down
to the crossing. The 3rd Brigade was
pulling their teams out by hand,
they were in the mud water
till all night. Santa Fe

with several others recrossed the
Creek this morning. We were all
"sprung" - Spent the day laying
armed horse - doing nothing in
plenty of help. The Creek is still
impassable for man & horse.
Preparations are being made to
build a foot bridge over the stream
it is partly built tonight. Weather
falling fast. - A warm pleasant
day but it has the appearance
of rain. Am ordered to report
to Col Adams tomorrow morning
on account of the Brigade. Lt Pittman
Langford will be my successor
in the Regiment. Retired early.

Tuesday July 28th 1863

Up early. Rpt under arms at
daylight. Reported to Col Adams
and entered upon my duties at 8
a.m. - Sent Gilbert & I after
various attempts succeeded in
crossing the Creek to where our
teams are parked. When we

for returned the fort Bridge was
in Completion. Persons being ordered
as the bridging the Creek. Deceiving
a Commenced Crossing by duck.
the Our Brigade wagons had the ad
in source. but it was seen 11 o'clock
before they were all over. We put
up a tent "to crawl in" for the
night. Has been dragging some
dearly all day. Dr. Pittman is
only left 81st Regt. - No news
of any importance only that
the we will be left to move some
before tomorrow.

Wednesday March 24 1865
Capt. Tate spent the forenoon
in the Office. 150 men detached
from the Brigade to report at the
Creek to build "Cedar" - At
11 o'clock we rec'd orders to be ready
to move as the teams were
across. - Under way at 2 P.M.
Marched 10 miles over a poor
poor country in a direction

a little north of east, on the Sherman
road that went in Camp on Black
Creek. Still cloudy & stormy appear-
ance of rain. Heard to day of the
Capture of Wilmington by Gen. Schfield
troops ordered to be under arms
at daylight. - There is a probability
of our remaining here tomorrow.

Thursday March 25 1865
Up early. Resumed in the Office
during the forenoon. Issued our
order Consolidating the Third Brigade
of the Regiment - No orders to move
until 1 P.M. When we received
orders that the Div would move
across Black River in 30 min
Camp. Our Brigade to bring up
the rear. About 4 P.M. Gen
Howard & Staff came up camp
toward into Camp - as it would
be very late before our Div could
get across Black River - Our
Brigade ordered to remain as
guards to Gen. Howard's train.

for Reel of the 21st ordered one mile
m ahead on the Chiraw Road,
as a very cloudy day. Quite a large
a Rebel force reported at Chiraw.
the Capt Cameron has quite a
m time assisting a refugee family
to go with us tomorrow.

Friday Mar 3^d 1865

Ordered to be ready to move
at 6 1/2 A.M., but as we had to
move in rear of Genl Howard's
train - it was 8.0 o'clock before
we were across Black Creek
The trains kept on of our
way and we had a splendid
a march of 20 miles - reaching
at Thompsons Creek and in camp
at 5 P.M. - Caught up with
the 12th about 3 P.M. - Drizzling
rain in forenoon but the sun
shone out by spells after dinner
- Cloudy - poor evil country
timber poor and old.
Chiraw was taken by the

17th A.C. today - They entered the town
after a slight skirmish. Captaining
17 Cannon 500 small arms, and
some prisoners. Brigade Order
Cape marched at head of the Brigade
and dismounted. Capt. Thomas J.
Montiel Homicide - 12 Cannon
5 miles from Chiraw.

Wednesday Mar 4th 1865

Ordered to march at 10 A.M. but
just as we were eating breakfast
at 7 A.M. we rec'd orders to move
out at once. Moved down to
Thompsons Creek and there waited
several hours before crossing.
Parade through Chiraw with
bands playing and colors flying
marched north of town one mile
1/2 and went in camp - dis-
-mounted marched 6 1/2 miles - Camp at
Ford - weather cloudy with sun
in the forenoon. Rebel forces
and reported capture of Mil-
-ington, Columbia & Charleston.

Our troops are laying fortifications across the "great Redee" and our army will begin to cross immediately. Suppose Sherman will move to the Coast as soon as possible, as Rations are getting "thin" - We may get communication at Fayetteville. We are all very anxious to get a mail. We hear from home - just one mail today since we cut loose. Heard distant cannonading South east - do not know where it can be - Rebel force said to be fortified across the River about a mile - but think it is untrue. - If the Rebs get in our way we may expect a fight - for Sherman will not run around them.

March 5th 1865

Remained in Camp all day. Capt Cameron had inspection of arms and accoutrements. Rebs presented a very good appearance.

Cheraw was nearly destroyed by fire. explosions were quite frequent, as we were destroying ordnance stores. 17th Ab Crossing the river today. We will go over tomorrow. 3rd Bn. held in town doing "Picket Duty". Recd an old mail this evening, which had been with the 14th Ab, since we left Sister's Ferry. Retired early.

Monday March 6th 1865

Ordered to March at 8 o'clock. We were under way at the appointed time. Our Div. no rear of 1st and 2^d Brigades in advance. We marched down to Cheraw and as the 1st Div. was not across the "great Redee" we halted several hours for them to get out of the way. Some of the 1st had halted. We were all startled by a terrific explosion of powder and shells which had been thrown into a ravine and set on fire by some Yankee soldiers. The place was broken in every window in town.

These or few houses were thrown
 down by the explosions. One man
 in the 8th was killed by a falling
 building & 3 wounded. Quite a
 number were killed in the horse
 division - The amount of exploding
 powder exploded is said to have
 been two (2) tons - It created a
 great stampede among horses &
 teams - Whilst in Chocoma visit-
 ed a very old grower yard. The
 following quaint inscription was
 on one of the planks -
 My name, my country, what are they this
 what - whether high or low my pedigree
 Perhaps I am surpassed all other men
 Perhaps I fell below them all - What then?
 Suffice it stronger though Secret a Torment
 Though known it use, it hides no matter how
 Saw what was said to be
 Gen^l Maxims tomb but think it
 doubtful as he must have been
 buried at Santa Springs. - Left
 Chocoma S.C. about 10 o'clock. 3rd
 Brig of our Div left to bring up

The war - Marched 6 miles and went
 into camp on the Fayetteville road - has
 been a bright clear day. Brigade camp-
 ed in line - We will be able to
 reach Communication by Saturday

Tuesday Mar 7th 1865

Left at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. - Ordered to move
 at 7 A.M. - 3rd Brigade in rear - as
 the 3rd Brigade had not come up from
 Chocoma - Marched 10 miles through
 the best country we have seen in
 S.C. and encamped at 1 o'clock
 near Gordons Mills - Forage plenty
 Country thickly settled - 2 men
 from 66th Ills. Captured by the enemy
 - No news - Only question of interest
 is when will we reach a base
 - 1st Ills. had dress parade this eve.
 - It is rumored that our forces
 occupy Fayetteville - Retired at
 nine (9) o'clock. - Quite a lot
 of clothing &c. &c found near
 our head qrs. -

Wednesday Mar 8th 1865
 Moved at 8. A.M. Our Brigade
 in rear - Marched 8 miles. Has
 been a very rainy day & a very
 hard days march. - Roads very much
 cut up. as 1st Div had the advance
 Marched on the Danversburg road.
 We went in Camp across "Birds
 Swamp" - near Springfield. It
 was the intention for us to have
 crossed Danversburg - but some
 the heavy roads prevented. The
 other Brigades did not cross the
 Swamp - Mr. "pickard" on our
 front - Have a "Log House" for
 H.Q. which is very comfortable
 on account of the rain. This
 is our first night in N.C. and
 a rough days march it has
 been.

Thursday Mar 9th 1865
 Ordered to move at 6. A.M. but
 as we were in the rear - it was
 an hour later before we were in
 order way - Passed through Springfield

- Did not take the direct "Lanes Mill
 road" - but struck the road reported
 by the 2nd 3rd Divs. - Reached "Lanes Mill"
 about 3 P.M. - Here we halted several
 hours - during which time the rain
 came down in perfect torrents.
 After we left "Lanes Mill" we found
 several miles of the worst roads. I never
 saw it was almost an impossibility
 to get along with a horse - as the ground
 was very treacherous and we were
 liable to "go under" on the most
 solid looking ground. - It continued
 to rain very hard. About dark
 the 8th was ordered forward to
 build "Cedarway" but they did not
 do much - in fact the road was
 bad all alike and it was impos-
 sible to determine where to "Cedarway".
 - The whole Brigade pushed ahead
 of the train several miles and
 halted at a place near "Springfield
 Swamp". Here we caught up with
 the 1st Brigade - The bridge were
 broken down and a new one built

for be built. By the time the bridge
was completed it was 11 o'clock
and most of our train had climbed
up - but the wagons were very slow
in crossing the river - It was
the intention to have camped
2 miles across the swamp, and
accordingly Gen. Curre with 3 B
had gone in camp, but was order-
ed forward 6 miles farther by
Gen. Logan. he said we must
cross Sumner River tonight but
here we are at 12 M. The 4th B
is carrying about 6 miles of the
aval. Most of the train is in
"hanks" just across the River.
About half an hour ago our Brig
will order to go in camp on this
side - It will be very late before
we get our supper - Have just
dining - The hardest days march
of the Campaign - think we
have not marched more than 8
miles I have a horse for 14 days over
2 days in. It has not been my pleasant

Friday Mar 10th 1863

It was 12 A.M. this morning before
we got our supper - An escaped
Capt. and a refugee lady took supper
with us - After supper we found
that our "host" an old Irishman
was a celebrated violinist - My Capt.
Curre with St. Gillell obtained a
violin from Frank Antille
"devo morn". they danced until 5
striking 7 music. Lusk H. 3
"Crawled in" at 2 A.M. but Lusk
gilled out up with the violinist
until sunrise - Do not think
I will ever forget last night's pro-
ceedings - Ordered at 2 March
at 6 P.M. - Crossed Sumner River
swamp and marched 5 miles over
bad roads. Crossed Sumner River
and went in "temporary" camp
at 3 P.M. - At 4 P.M. 12th was
ordered out to repair roads. Det
of Brigade ordered in camp for
the night - After dark had a
"darky dance" - Retired at 9 P.M.

for weather Cloudy and Cool. I read
Circular in reference to straggling
as Div train moved out 4 miles to
a "Bethel Church".

ch. Saturday March 11: 63-
12. Moved at 5:30 A.M. The 1st
14. Brigade and supply train started
16. for Bethel Church last night but

18. it was 3 o'clock this morning before
20. they got to camp. Distance
22. from Bethel Church from where
24. we started 4 miles and the
26. most miserable road I ever saw.

28. At B.C. the 12th Reg joined the
30. Brigade. Marched 14 miles and
32. went in camp at 7 P.M. on the

34. south bank of "Geys Creek". About
36. 4 P.M. I went ahead to ascertain
38. where the Brigade would camp

40. - It was 10 1/2 miles before our train came
42. up and 12 1/2 before we ate our
44. "scanty meal". Has been a clear

46. pleasant day - last 10 miles splendid
48. road - 7 1/2 to 8 miles Camped
50. in some of the best hills - 3 1/2 miles

in front - Fayetteville was once
filled by one troop to-day without
much resistance entered by the
16th A.C. - We are 14 miles from 7
and will get there sometime tomorrow - We have been expecting to
make a base on the Cape Fear
River - but it is very uncertain.

It makes 35 days out from Concord
such Communication and Courage to
only we are all very anxious to
to get home and hear from the
"Dear ones" at home - Men are
getting "bad off" for clothing - Quite
a number of the men are "banished" is
and for time to march this time
of the year "banished" - our only
road is anything but pleasant

Sunday March 12 1865
Ordered to move at 6 A.M. but
as we had to bridge "Rocky Fish
Creek" it was after that time
before we were under way. Our
Brigade in the advance. Passed

through Pickville and went to
Camp 2 mile from Fayetteville
Distance marched 12 mile. Country
very level - poor & sandy. Our
whole army is concentrated on
and around Fayetteville. Sent
Bremell & one officer and two men
to Haverstraw - same thing
from Wilmington reaching our
line to-day - with important
orders for Sherman. They left
Wilmington a week ago - they at-
tempted to come up the Cape
Fear River in boats - but as the
enemy lined the banks they
had to abandon them and take
to the swamps. It is said that
our force will commence to cross
the River tomorrow and that we
will move on to Goldsboro. N.C.
We again have rumors of the
evacuation of Richmond. Capt
C. inspects the Brigade and
Regimental teams and found
a great many valuable articles.

Distance marched 14 mile. It is
very probable that we will arrive
here tomorrow.

Monday March 13th 1865

Remained in Camp all day. Arthur
was a prospect of sending mail. I
wrote two letters - one to Dathin and
one to Lizzie - Col Adams and Dr
Jacobs went to Fayetteville this after-
noon. 20th and 14th A.C. are crossing the
River. We are ordered to cross to
tomorrow and will go via Camp to
the right of the 17th A.C. will
be apt to remain there over all night.
Fayetteville is said to be quite an
old place - it contains several
which is being torn down. We are
expecting to get a mail before
we leave here. Distance marched
since we left Savannah

- 410 Mile -

Tuesday March 14th 1865

Ordered to move at daylight
Our Brigade in rear - but the 17th A.C.

for did not get over Cape Fear River
until after dinner ^{as} it was
4 P.M. before we were across
the boats. Came up the morn-
ing - I went down about the
time they came up, & procured
a lot of New York papers, ^{and}
we spent the day very pleasantly
reading the news - Later paper
was of date March 6th. 81st detached
to the lead stations ^{and} reported to
Col Carpenter. We crossed the
River a mile below Fayetteville
Consequently did not get to see
much of the City - As we were
at Columbus inspection was held
of the animals was made and
all unauthorized ^{the} cornhens
Animals were seized. ^{to} the former
shot. All the fugives ^{and} Con-
-trabands were left at the Barr
They will be sent to Wilmington
Our Dris has at least 1000
Contrabands and it was not
an unusual sight to see from

20 to 30 in a wagon - It will be quite a relief to get clear of them. We went to camp a mile from the River - In anticipation of the advance on Goldsboro, we are ordered to have 5 half days Rations on hand - Our supplies are to be organized into one train and a guard detailed for it and it will march in rear of the 17. A.C. Dimples are ordered to go in light marching order. The General's impression is that our Corps ^{are} one from the left wing will make a fine ^{is} on Raleigh in order to clear the money from Gen Schofield's front. Do not think we will have much fighting to do. Our Brigade and Regt. Thomas will accompany us - Mail left today - but not much prospect of getting any. - A large amount of Richmond stores destroyed in Fayetteville. Returned early

Wednesday Mar 15 '65
 Ordered to move at 9 A.M. 24
 as Brigade in the Center. Marched
 on the direct road to Bismarck &
 the Road - which is the direct road
 to Goldsboro - Marched 12 miles
 & into a poor Country - a great
 many swamps - but as the terrain
 was not long - we moved along
 briskly - About 12 M. we had
 a hard thunder storm and
 it continued to rain most of
 the afternoon - Went into Camp
 at 3.30 - a mile from "Black
 Creek" - Enemy on the opposite
 side and skirmishing going
 on very lively - Col Ordway
 Capt C + Lt G went down
 the River and remained
 until dark - They reported
 that the 7th Diva had effected
 a crossing - 66 Ills ordered
 out and I went to conduct
 them to where the 7th had
 crossed - Got lost but soon

found the right road. - Remained
 at the Creek until the 66 Ills had
 started across and then started
 for camp. On the way I met
 Ben Cure who informed that the
 enemy had all left - When I left
 the 66th who crossed a mile above
 the road, I was supposed the enemy
 were still in force on the opposite
 side and it was the intention to
 charge them in the morning but
 after the short fight and some delay
 they had to fight another day.
 "Black Creek" is a narrow deep
 stream with swamps on both sides
 and would have been a splendid
 place to have made a stand.

Thursday Mar 16 '65
 Ordered to move at 6.30. Our Brig
 ade in advance - Crossed Black or
 Smith Creek and marched 12
 miles in the direction of Bismarck
 & Rosalia where we found the enemy
 - the 7th & foragers had quite a

brisk engagement - The enemy re-
sponding with artillery - The 8th Ohio
Co. was ordered forward as support
B. - After driving them about a mile
on. Beyond the forks of a road. The
Art. Division took a road leading
to the left - Our Brigade holding
at the forks of the road until we
were ordered by Gen. Hagers to
retreat - We joined the 2nd just as if
we were going to camp at "Rays Fork"
(distance 10 miles). Have seen
of Hagers in the Church, Has been
at camp most of the day and is
at still raining at 9 P.M. - Con-
A - consequently we consider ourselves
so very fortunate in having a house
on for Hagers - Heard glorious
news today - Schofield has de-
feated Bragg near Kingston and
Phil Sheridan is within 4 days
of marching us with 5 Divs of Cav.
a cavalry - Good! Good! - if only true
a whole Corps to our rear and
the 20 Corps near us. Sam. May
crossed - got lost in river

8th Ohio was wounded in the skirmish
to-day - Roads will be very bad
tomorrow - Country as usual very
poor.

Friday Mar 17th 1865

Moved at 7 A.M. Our Brigade in
the rear of the Div - formed the 2nd
miserable the first two miles. Only
marched 5 miles to west in camp
at -

12th Ill. sent
forward to occupy and hold the
bridge across "Mingo Creek" but
the enemy had destroyed it. So they
returned seeking our camp, at
dark - A bright clear day, Quite
a number of horses were appraised
"Lucy Ann" was valued at \$55,
14th 20 Corps had quite a fight yes-
terday with Hardie and defeated
him - No particulars - We have
rumors of the occupation of York
by Genl Schofield. We
are expecting to meet Phil Sheridan
any day. "Robt" reported to be in
6 or 12 miles on our left - Retard only,

Saturday March 18th 1865

7th Broke Camp at 9 A.M. 3rd Brigade
in Center of Div and Div in rear of
6th Corps. Marched 12 miles in the di-
rection of Courtsville - Thru 6th Corps
1st - try somewhat better than we have
been having. Went in Camp at Sun-
1st - down at "Little Coharel Church", 12
- 12 A.M. The ground we occupy
- tonight, was used as a Camp for
12 ground for "Wid. Hampton's" Cav-
6th - The advance had quite a little
H. Skirmish near our Camp. We
are now on the Clinton Road. Have
1st - a house for Hd qrs. Have the task
- each and active early

6th

for Sunday March 19th 65
We Broke Camp at 8 A.M. - 1st 3rd
- 1st Div in our front. Owing to the
1st - bad roads - but little advance was
made until 3 P.M. - During the day
there has been heavy firing in the
direction of the "Army of the Cumberland"
The - land. We have heard various

rumors as to the result of the battle.
We marched 16 miles and went in
Camp at 9 P.M. on the Goldsboro
road 2 miles from the Neuse River.
- But it was midnight before the
Brigade train came up. I took
supper at Div Hd qrs. There is
a strong probability that we will
have an engagement tomorrow.
We are fortifying - Rebel force
of 30,000 said to be in our front.
and that we may possibly have some
fighting to do yet before we are ready.
- No news from Schofield or Sher-
idan - though we are anxiously
expecting to hear from them both.
- This has not seemed much
like Sunday.

Monday Mar 20th 65

I did not go to bed until
2 A.M. this morning. Recd orders to
move on the Beattsville road - pre-
pared for battle - No trains to be
taken except Ambulances and ord-

6 - moved train - our Div in rear of 1st
 7 - of Mr Cooke's Camp at 7 o'clock and
 8 - marched down to near Turner's bridge
 9 - when we turned to the left and
 10 - marched up the Neuse River on the
 11 - N. Fayetteville & Bentonville roads 1 1/2
 12 - to Div found one Regt of Cav in ^{the}
 13 - front and skirmished with them
 14 - for four or five miles until we ^{came}
 15 - near the "Mill Creek" where the ^{Confederate}
 16 - was sent in shape for fight.
 17 - For a while it looked very much
 18 - as if we would have a general
 19 - engagement, but the day wore
 20 - the away without a battle - We evidently
 21 - took the enemy by surprise - Coming
 22 - on in our flank and seems to me
 23 - for us lost a Golden Opportunity in
 24 - not attacking them vigorously. They
 25 - are fortifying tonight - but it is thought
 26 - they will evacuate tonight - Our
 27 - Div. Brigade built several lines of works
 28 - Our Brigade train is up and will
 29 - enjoy a good night's sleep without
 30 - the constant firing

on the Picket line. Reports say the
 enemy lost very heavy in the fight of
 yesterday - Schofield will occupy
 Goldsboro tonight -

Tuesday Mar 21st 65

Was awakened at 4 1/2 this morning
 by heavy firing on the line - but found
 to be a false alarm - About 10 a.m.
 our Brigade advanced 200 yds and
 threw up a new line of works. At
 2 P.M. Genl. Cow ordered that our
 skirmishers line should be advanced
 across the swamp, in our front ^{and}
 if possible get possession of the ^{swamp}
 Rifle Pits - The Skirmish ^{line} ^{was} ^{ordered}
 Command of Capt. Spitzer is ^{the} ^{left}
 reinforced by a Co from 66 ^{was} ^{ordered}
 Regiment ordered to follow up in ^{the}
 front - They crossed the swamp and
 obtained possession of the enemy's Rifle
 Pits - but owing to their rearward to the
 main Rebel works it was found
 impossible to hold them - As the Order
 to fall back was given - which was

b. Done in good order. All along
 the line there was constant firing
 but without any result. Brigade Col
 One killed 11 wounded. We are order
 to be ready for an early advance.
 Common said it is probable we
 will have an engagement tomorrow.
 The weather - A cold day, has rained
 all afternoon - Gen Terry is
 reported at Cox's Bridge

Wednesday Mar 22, '65

This morning we found that the
 enemy had "skedaddled" during the
 night. 60's & 81's were ordered forward
 to ascertain how far the enemy
 had gone. They could not be found
 so "Good Bye" Mr Robertson - It is
 supposed he has fallen back
 to Smithfield and thence to
 Raleigh - It is generally supposed
 that our campaign is at an
 end - and a long Campaign it has
 been - 54 days since we left
 the Savannah - Our army will

fall back near Goldsboro and then re-
 main long enough to rest. It is said
 Sherman is well pleased about the
 way the Campaign has ended. This
 afternoon our Brigade rec'd orders to
 take the Goldsboro road and proceed 1
 mile and repair the roads - We found
 a few bad places and repaired them -
 Have a house for Hedges. Are 19
 miles from Goldsboro - A clear fine
 and day - though very windy - Saw
 Capt White this eve.

Thursday Feb 23, 1865

Broke Camp at 6 1/2 A.M. Our Brigade
 in Centre of Div. - After marching 3
 miles we struck the road marked
 by us several days ago. Here we
 had to halt about an hour to allow
 the 20's to pass - We are about
 10 miles and went in Camp near
 "Falling Creek" - A very windy day
 - Gen Sherman has issued an
 order announcing that the Campaign
 is at an end. And none of the

be soldiers are easy. It is said our
7 of Corps will halt at Goldsboro. There
is a strong probability that the 87th Regt
will be mustered out as soon as we
get through. Then "Good Bye" to the
Army for I am going home
to be with my family. I am about 8 miles from Goldsboro
this eve.

Friday March 24th 1865

Last night we rec'd orders to march
at 6:00 A.M. - About an hour later
the order was countermanded, as
it was reported the enemy were crossing
the river above Goldsboro, and
we were ordered to keep the troops
well in hand - ready for any emergency,
for had it proved to be a false alarm.
The Bands Camp at 7 A.M. & marched
on the Goldsboro road - Crossed the
R. River at the R.R. bridge - Passed
the through Goldsboro and were reviewed
by Gen Sherman. Weat in camp
50. 2 miles from town on the right of
the 24th Div - Sherman's whole army

is here and since being joined by
Schofield's Army. at West Point
the R.R. will be
repaired in a few days. We expect
to get mail and Rations tomorrow
- Well - our Campaign is ended.
and a grand Campaign it has been.
- 56. days since we left Savannah
and the distance marched 583 miles.
Goldsboro is rather an insignificant
place. We will have to move on
Camp to morrow to it - permanent
location.

Saturday March 25th 1865

The Regiments were moved forward
this morning - and we are ordered to
fortify - The work was laid out
by Gen Atkins - Recd 144 miles
for the Brigade to-day mostly for the
24th Div - First train came up
from New Bern this morning - Spent
the day reading writing and waiting
for a mail - Some late papers
and glorious news from my dear
Rev. Callahan for Report of the Campaign.

Sunday Mar 26th 1865

7. p.m. This has been a day for rejoicing in
 10. a. Sherman's army for two reasons
 1. - a full supply of rations was
 2. issued and received a huge mail
 3. - I recd 13. Quite a number of
 4. Commissions came for the 8th
 5. Hays, Rush, Sellers, Fort, Murphy
 6. & Harbaugh, to 1st Lieut. Johnson
 7. Howell Crawford to Captains - do
 8. not think I shall accept as I ^{think}
 9. C. de action to an adjutant and to talk
 10. He than a Captain and walk. - Received
 11. a call from Genl. Irwin 140th Ind
 12. Brigade at work on fortifications
 13. - se

Monday Mar 27th 65

for 10. a. Col Adams sent a
 11. note to Div Hdqrs inquiring if
 12. he could obtain me in my present
 13. position if mustered as Captain
 14. If he gets an affirmative answer
 15. I will accept my promotion, then
 16. will be mustered in and will
 17. remain as Adams Col Hayes

9. p.m. gave me a call Col Adams
 and all his staff were showed
 to-day a la McClellan. Wrote a
 letter to Adjutant Genl Thomas and
 for Oriskany concerning accounts
 for the 2nd 66th Ill. Wrote two
 letters - one to Egge ^{and} one to Hugh
 Smith Pittman mustered out - but
 will leave for home tomorrow
 - a clear pleasant day -

Tuesday Mar 28th 65

Col Adams sent an affirmative
 answer and I was "mustered in"
 as Captain ^{and} have been assigned to
 Co "B", but will remain as adjt
 of the Brigade - Brigade inspected
 by Capt. ^{Pittman} ^{for hope} - Sent the two letters
 by horse which I wrote yesterday.
 - Genl. Lee starts to New Bern.
 During his absence Gen. Rices
 will command. Recd Mess
 York papers of date 24. Bold
 down to 4.51 - appearance
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Wednesday Mar 29th 1865

Nothing of interest happened today
Wrote 3 letters - Columbus. Home
any to Hugh.

Thursday Mar 30th 1865

Have been kept busy all day
writing - Had an awful time to
get the Monthly Returns of the 12th
- W. Conch. Had to return no several
times for Corrections - Recd a Com
- munication from the post Dept
He in answer to Capt. Dyer - it was
returned with the desired infor
- mation - A mail this evening
- two letters from Eggs - of date 7th
and 17th of Mar. - Has been running
most of the day - A prospect of
being paid soon - His Mexican
- acquires a 30 days leave of
Absence.

Friday Mar 31st 1865

Remained in camp during the
forenoon. After dinner Capt. Common
and I came down town - I went

to the 140th and to see Dr Josiah West
he was not in camp - Saw Dr West, Dill,
and Capt. White - When I came back
found Maj Perry at our Hd qrs - he
remained until after supper - there
is talk of our Brigade being consel
- idated - finished a letter to Eggs
Col Hill reports that he has two
organized Companies for the 81st
- Q. M. Reed stands for New York.

Saturday

April 1st 1865

Gen. Cope ordered this morning that
the fortifications must be completed
by tomorrow daylight and we have
had heavy details at work all day
- it will be late before the works
are completed. Recd orders to have
Cham Guard Arsenal Camp - Will
have Guard mounting tomorrow by
Capt. Common - Had a parade
this evening - Wrote a letter to
Dyer ordering a blouse vest &c
Sgt. Purcell appointed Adj^t
8th Div. Departed 9 PM Sgt

Came up at 7 A.M. and we had something to refresh the "inner man" - A Regiment from each Brigade was sent ahead to repair roads - it was nearly noon before we "pulled out" - Was again delayed by a dense Division and bad roads. Went in Camp at dusk on creek. Will be very late before all our train get in. - Cloudy all day - drizzling rain. - Ordeley Hickerson was Captured last night - escaping this morning he killed his Guard. We passed through Pikeville to RR Station on the old war road. Our Column today has been Westward in direction of Raleigh -

Wednesday April 13th 1865
Ordered to move at 7 A.M. but the empty train did not all get up till 10 o'clock and everyone being tired and sleepy - it was near 9 o'clock before our Brigade "pulled out". We were marching - but "bored" in

found the roads to "Small Factory" just in tolerable condition - reached the Factory about 11 A.M. and here we had to halt several hours for the 2^d Division to get out of our way - but we enjoyed the rest finely - Here we faced news of the Surrender of Genl Lee to Grant - it is said to be official when the news was sent to the different Regiments. The men cheer after cheer over the news - Went to Red House where had been temporarily established our house. We had music from the 5th Band. Danced by the 7th Iowa. Cheers, "Cheering" &c &c - in fact a grand jubilee. - Left the Factory at 8 P.M. and marched to Pinson - but owing to the very bad roads - was still in mid night before we reached Camp - (distance 17 miles) - We do not have any supper yet for us. We were too tired and sleepy to eat. We ordered breakfast at 4.1

and Campbell Com. Sup.
11 P.M. Placed Sent Wretcott
66 lbs in arrest.

April 2^d Sunday.
Has been seemed something like
to Sunday - Guard mounting by Capt.
Cannum. Rec'd an old mail for
- dinner - a letter from Egge and
- One from Alhambra - wrote a letter
to the latter - Sent Wretcott was
advised from arrest. Relieved
Charlie Shuck and detailed -
Hofjett of 760810000 Pickets
- took work on 48 hours relieved
- after dark and a great many
- fired of their guns. - At 10
- 10 o'clock was made and the
- guilty ones found.

April 3^d Monday
Office of the Day and sent
of the guard both failed to report
this morning - Issued a Circular
in reference to it - Maj. Henry

and Dr Jacobs had quite a quarrel
this morning - After dinner Dr. Helt
and I went down town - I went to
the 3^d and 23^d Corps to see Dr. Dime
but the Regiment had moved and
I couldn't find it - Saw Capt Boyd
and got a jacket from him,
Called at the hospital on my
way back. Prospect of our moving
5 or 6 mi. Capt Edwards reports 4th Div
arrived today. Dr. Baumer left
for Mississippi, wrote a letter to
Egge.

Tuesday April 4th 1865
Nothing of special interest to day.
Rec'd quite a lengthy Circular from
Gen. Canine in reference to training
Camps - "policed" - Capt Cannon
will start for New Bern to ob-
tain clothing - will be gone 4
days. Struck over to visitors the
dress parade is ill. Rec'd new
jerk papers of late date - Also a letter
from home - 81st receives 10 new
accounts. Col Hill on his way here.

brief
 - Has been a clear pleasant day.
 - Had "Guard Mounting" this morning
 - Made up my Returns of C.C.'s to G.
 - And forwarded them to Washing
 - Ton - Rec'd orders to prepare for a
 review drill tomorrow - Wrote two
 letters - to Hugh & to Mr. Dill, &
 commenced one home to Emma.
 - Dr. Allaback relieved from duty.
 - With Ordnance train - Retired late.
 -
 Tuesday April 6th 1865
 This morning we marched out in our
 full dress in front of our works.
 - Genl. had Review drill by Gen. Logan
 - Our Div. will be reviewed to mor-
 - row by Genl. Logan. Great rejoicing
 among us tonight - victory! Victory!
 - Glorious news from Genl. Grant.
 - So, so promising. Many Commen-
 - ds. The Rebel Captain - Dispatches
 are coming in every hour. Rebel
 Army said to be retreating towards
 Danville where my army is to
 The

how the "glad tidings" confirmed
 and the full particulars. We
 will wait anxiously for additional
 news. - If the defeat is as bad
 as reported, the Confederacy is
 "gone up" - Went out to the 17th &
 to see Dave Platten but he has
 gone home sick. Had a cruise
 tonight - Druggists papers of the
 3rd Rec'd - full of news -
 Every body in a good humor
 tonight -
 Friday April 7th 1865
 Our Brigade was reviewed by Gen.
 Logan this morning - A Brass band
 was procured for each Brigade. The
 review is said to have been the best
 ever made by the Div. - Genl. Logan
 was well pleased. It was very
 dusty and windy which made it very
 disagreeable - After Review the band
 assigned to our Brigade came to
 Hd qrs and discoursed sweet strains
 of music. In the afternoon I went
 down town again to see Dr. Dill

but he had gone to Marchand City
7th - from the 140th Ind. went to 83rd Ind.
to see Capt. White - The Gov.
news from Richmond is said to
be true - Late this evening recd
a mail - One letter for me dated
to 28th March - from Dizzie. Had trouble
the so actually early.

Saturday April 8th 1865
It rained. very hard last night.
Consequently the dust is much.
Had quite cool all day. May H
called at Hd qrs - first time since
we have been here - Col Adams
went to 81st Hd qrs 4th Div - while
there heard that all the Gov. news
from Grant is confirmed - there
is a strong probability that we
will "pull up stakes" next Monday
P.M. - destination as usual - unknown.
Mr. Col Adams inspected the
col. 12th Me 81st Arty & the 66th Ills to
see how they were supplied with
the clothing - Took supper with

66th Ills. before returning to Hd qrs.
Saw a New York Herald of the 7th
which gave glowing accounts
of the victory around Richmond.
Rebel loss. 25,000 prisoners and 15,000
wounded and wounded. No sick
- very anxious to get full re-
sults. It is said the enemy
have evacuated Raleigh.
Wrote a letter to Dizzie.

Sunday April 9th 1865
Another bright clear day - Spent
the forenoon in the Office. Wrote a
letter to Fannie. After dinner went
to Corps Hd qrs to see Col Woodhull
in reference to Col Adams pro-
- motion - found everything favorable.
- from Corps Hd qrs. went into town.
- Great activity among the Quartermasters & Commissaries - before
returning went to 140th Ind but did
not get to see Lieut Davis. 81st
recd quite a number of recruits
and they are not equipped for

in active service. no arms, Haversacks
or Knapsacks & no prospect of
getting them. There is a prospect
of only leaving tomorrow - though Mr
Wells has been used at 9 A.M.
- it said we will move about
to 10 o'clock tomorrow - in rear of
the Corps. - Very uncertain
- in which we shall move.

Monday April 11th 1865.
Today we began another Campaign
- destination unknown. Recd orders
to move at 10 A.M. but it was 11
o'clock before we broke camp. Took
the Pikesville road. - About noon it
began to rain and continued
for "four days" all afternoon. The
road got very heavy and we were
much delayed by the Division
- in our advance. At night, came
upon us when we were 8 miles from
Goldtown. - We had a most miserable
night march, reaching Pikesville
at midnight - for "brimstone" in

a little pine fire - without tents or
blankets or anything to eat. - Our Big
side train is full in the rear and
it will be tomorrow morning before
we see them - Capt Chambers re-
turned today from New Bern.

Quite a sad accident happened
this evening. Sam. Marrett orderly
at Three Regts - was sent back
about 8 o'clock with orders to the
rear Regiment. and was killed by
a "bullet" - Another orderly, Albert
Hickson - was sent back soon
after and has not yet returned.
Very likely he is captured.

Brittance marched 14 miles
- our direction has been towards
Wilders. - Before starting this
morning I wrote a short note to Siggie
- also one to Father. Has been
a hard day on the recruit in the
81st.

Tuesday April 11th 1865
- A most disagreeable night we
had last night - Our teams

Covered. Covered us for the night. The
 7. South 3 days have been very hard indeed.
 - A. More came on the 11th. These being
 8. have experienced for some time.
 9. the Marine Corps & Regiment, the
 10. quantity much better than average.
 11. 12. Quality - No enemy in our front.
 13. 14. Raleigh said to be evacuated.
 15. 16. 17.

Thursday April 13th 1865
 1. Moved out of camp at 6 A.M. from
 2. the road of Spaulding - County - N.C.
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Genl Lee. Succeeded to bring his entire
 army on the 9th at Appomattox C.H.
 Glory to God and to our Country
 and all honor to our "Comrades
 in arms" towards whom we are
 marching - A little more labor a
 little more toil on our part: The
 great race is won & our Government
 stands regenerated after its four long
 years of bloody war.

(S.d) W. T. Sherman
 Maj Genl Army

Crossed Appomattox River at New Mills
 and made no camp at 3 P.M. - 3rd mile
 from Raleigh - The City was entered
 10 day by 14th Corps Gen Johnston con-
 quered yesterday morning. Retired
 early and will have a good night's
 sleep.

Friday April 14th 1865

Today Sherman's Army 9th and
 Army entered another Rebel state
 Capital - which makes three within

The last four (4) miles - We left
Camp at 2 A.M. - We were reviewed
by Gen Sherman as we passed The
Capital - The whole of The Army
of The "Dumpees" passed us reviewed.
We went in Camp a mile west
of Raleigh - After dinner Col Adams
and I rode down through The City -
Everything was very quiet and orderly
a guard being stationed at each
house. Raleigh is quite a nice
place - Nearly all The Citizens have
remained - The first train comes
through from Goldsboro - Our move-
ments from this point are very
uncertain - Rumor to day informed
us that we would go from here to
Augusta Ga but that is doubtful
It is impossible for us to catch
Johnston - for he will not fight
us - We may follow him as far
as Hillsboro - Has been a bright
clear day - No order to move
tomorrow - Any so before we

will receive a mail before we
leave here.

Saturday April 15 1865

- Did not get to remain in Camp
to day but were ordered to move
at 6 A.M. on The Monrovia road.
- It was raining quite hard this morn-
ing when we got up. As it has con-
tinued to rain all day - Conse-
quently the roads were very heavy
and traveling bad. But our train
was not very long - as the supply
and Ordnance trains had been left with
The 1st Div. to bring up. - Our Division
had the advance - About 9 A.M. The
other Divisions in our rear were order-
ed back to Camp and since then
we have had all kinds of rumors
about Gen Johnston surrendering
his army. But nothing definite is
known. We went in Camp two
miles from Monrovia at dusk. The
other two Brigades with their trains went
on ahead and are in Camp at the

Soon after going in Camp. Gen. Lee
ordered us forward to Morrisville
but as the wagons had not all
come up and owing to the bad roads
Col Adams sent me ahead to see
The General and inform him that
it would be impossible to get the
train up before daylight tomorrow
morning. The General ordered us
to go in Camp where we were
Clean the road and let the horses
Hd qrs train come up. When I
returned to the Brigade the battery
had started ahead - everything else
was ordered into Camp. It was
11 o'clock before our Brigade train
came up and as we were sleepy
and tired we retired without our
suppers. - This has been the hardest
days March of the Campaign - Dis-
tance Marched 15 miles. While
at Dis Hd qrs. heard that Capitulation
was going on and it is generally
believed that Johnston will sur-

sunder tomorrow. - Circulation has
been going on all day. Johnston
Army is said to be at Hillsboro
his pickets 8 miles from Morrisville.
- We are all anxious for him
to surrender and said "This cruel war"
and we are all full confident that
he will surrender before the setting
of another sun. "So wrote it to"

Sunday April 16th 1865

Left Camp at 7 A.M. and marched
to Morrisville and went to Camp.
When we arrived here we ex-
pected we would hear something
definite concerning the all im-
portant question - The Surrender of
Johnston - but we could hear
nothing reliable. - About noon a
train of cars from Raleigh came
up and soon after went out to the
front. - It came back about dark
and I learned from an officer
who was out with the train that

1. Genl Sherman and Johnston are to
2. meet tomorrow for consultation
3. in which I suppose will decide the
4. thing one way or another. Genl S. is
5. at Raleigh. - The Mc Coy of Sher-
6. man's Staff reports everything working
7. in favorable and he is confident
8. of success. What a glorious thing
9. it will be if Johnston does not
10. surrender. Our Div are the
11. only troops (3-45) out this far. Capt
12. Kilpatrick's Cavalry and they are
13. 12 miles ahead of us. We
14. obtained a house for HQ and
15. have been enjoying ourselves fairly
16. - Has been a most lovely day.

Monday April 17. 1865.

1. A sad - sad day. We heard
2. the news of the assassination of President
3. Lincoln - I never saw such
4. a gloomy set of men in my
5. life as the soldiers were after the
6. news came. Since then by

most of the officers during the funeral
and the evening it is known through-
out the whole camp. - His loss is a
great calamity. - As the nation mourns
his loss, as she never mourned before.
- It seems a plot was laid to as-
sassinate General Sherman and
Grant. - Genl Sherman came
up from Raleigh on a train and
proceeded to the fort to have a
conference with Genl Johnston.
During the day we waited anxiously
for the return of the train. - Thinking
that something definite would be
known. - But nothing was accom-
plished at the conference. The
two Generals are to have another
meeting tomorrow, when they will
doubtless come to some terms.
It is said that Jeff Davis is with
Johnston and wishes to surrender and
receive pardon. - Another rumor that
Johnston wishes to surrender but some
of his subordinates do not. - Had
been a most beautiful day.

Tuesday April 18th 1865.
Glorious day! no the highest - our
country stands regenerated after
this four long years of bloody war.
April 18th 1865. will be our
"July 4th" - The whole Rebel army
has surrendered to day. Glory! Glory!
Genl Sherman came to town
at the park this evening after his
interview with Genl Johnston.
The whole Confederacy has
"laid down" the spirit. Each state
has surrendered - no more
fighting - The troops of the dif-
ferent Rebel states march to
the capitals of their respective states
stack their arms and quit. We
are anxious to see the Confederacy
between Sherman & Johnston
before surrendering - Do not know
in what disposition will be made
of our Grand armies - but I sup-
pose it will be settled out
in the course of a few months.

Great rejoicing in Camp tonight.
Only one thing to men our rejoicing.
The sad news we rec'd yesterday.
Rec'd a small note this morn-
ing for me. It is said that
the two armies will remain in their
present position until Sherman
can hear from Washington - as the
surrender was accepted subject
to the approval at Washington.

Wednesday April 19th 1865.
Another beautiful day. Genl Logan
removed his Hd Qrs to Raleigh this
morning - It was said we would
go to Raleigh tomorrow but I guess
we shall remain in our present
Camp until the evening disband
his forces. It is rumored that
the report of the assassination of
President Lincoln is a "canard"
New York papers of the 13th day mention
about it - Rec'd a letter from Lizzy
this eve - answered it - also wrote to Ed.
- Picked Kate.

Thursday April 20th 1865

Gen. Me. Another warm pleasant day - This evening received orders to march tomorrow at 9 A.M. to Raleigh. It is said we will remain there five days. And then Rumor says, "The Army of the Sumter" will proceed to Washington D.C. - Sherman has announced the cessation of hostilities between the two armies - he says as soon as the "Agreement" is satisfied we will have peace from the Rio Grande to Lake Hill. And the day and we were all anxious to see him. Have been lying around all day doing nothing with plenty of help. The assassination of Lincoln is the time - The deed was done on the evening of the 14th and lies. President is said to be "Edwin Booth" and he is still at large. - A large mail for us at Raleigh which we will get tomorrow.

Friday April 21st 1865

Left Camp at 9 o'clock and marched to Raleigh and went in Camp two miles north west of the City. It began to rain about 4 P.M. and we had quite a nice little shower. Recd a small mail - One letter for me from Lizzie. - It is rumored we shall remain here two weeks and then the "Grand Army" will march through to Durham City.

Saturday April 22nd 1865

Another beautiful day - Regiments busy fixing up. Col Adams & Gorde went to Raleigh to see the review of the 20th Corps which was ordered for Grand Sight. I suppose we will be reviewed sometime during next week. Recd a small mail - One letter for me - Recd some New York papers of the 17th which contained full particulars of the death of Mr. Lincoln. There was great mourning over the death of the Great & good man.

Recd 7 Copies quite a number of Orders
to-day in reference to horses. Guards to
be circulated by Rio Bravo bands
this evening.

Sunday April 23rd 1865.
A very quiet day. - Went down to
the City and Called on Dr. Brown,
Recd a small mail this morning.
One letter from Tom
No news -

Monday April 24th 1865
A very beautiful day - 17th Army Corps
reviewed by Genl Grant - who arrived
sometime during last night - Had
Guard mounting this morning - It is
said the "Surrender of the Southern
Confederacy" has not been accepted
by President Johnson and as our
bright prospects of peace are vanished -
- Rumor says Offensive operations
will commence in a few days -
- Our movements are by uncertainty,
Feel quite unwell this evening.

Tuesday April 25th 1865
- "A day of rumors" - Genl Grant
visited our Camps this morning
and was rec'd with hearty Cheers.
- It is said Johnston has surrendered
but nothing reliable - Went over
to the 23rd Corps - saw Lieut. Smith
- Recd a letter from Brother "Tom"
also one from "Hugh" - answered
both - A large number of recruits
came for the Brigade - Had a
Serrade this evening.

Wednesday April 26th 1865
- Nothing yet definite about the
surrender of Johnston, but is generally
believed he has given up the "hoat"
- Recd a visit & letter from home. After
dinner Col Van Seters Capt Cameron
Dr Newell & myself rode down to
the City - Called the house where Pres-
ident Johnson was born - also where
his father was buried - Saw recently
the White City - some splendid
residence which I never saw

before. Well - Our Brigade is done
putted up - The 3d Div. is Comd.
solidated and in the Consolidation
Brigade are made definite. As
not yet known when the 8th will
800 But I shall give the Regt
- Col Adams and all the Regiment
- till Commanders have gone to
Conf. Hd qrs to see about the
matter. but can't accomplish
anything.

Thursday April 27 1865
12 - Up early; received the order Com.
of - solidating our Brigade - 87th this
remains in 1st Brigade. 13th goes to
1st Brigade and 66th to 3d Brigade. Went
down to see Col. Woodhull. As a paper
- he wants to detail me to his
office but since I shall not
accept - I send an order
relieving all the Officers and
enlisted men now on duty at
these qrs - as I had but one 3d
Brigade - Went over to Gen. Clark's
Hd qrs and turned over the Records

of the Brigade - I shall give Kephin
a journal - We will leave here
in a few days - Johnston has surrendered
- 3d on the same terms he did - We
shall leave in a few days for Rich-
mond and Washington City by the
Overland Route.

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